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Royal attack on English in schools

Prince launches a crusade for Shakespeare

By Alan Hamilton

THE Prince of Wales, long the scourge of modern architects and planners, won widespread support yesterday when he embarked on a new crusade against another group of self-styled experts — the educationists.

Invited to deliver the annual Shakespeare birthday lecture at the Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, the prince said that professional educators were denying Britain's youth its cultural heritage in general and England's, if not the world's, greatest poet in particular.

The marginalising of Shakespeare in school syllabuses "seems to be symptomatic of a general flight from our great literary heritage", he said. There were now several GCSE English literature courses which prescribed no Shakespeare at all, and at least one A-level syllabus in which Shakespeare was not compulsory. Even the Bank of England, he noted, had chosen to remove the bard's picture from the £20 note.

"It is almost incredible that in Shakespeare's land one child in seven leaves primary school functionally illiterate. Moreover, it appears to be an increasingly common impression that standards of handwriting, spelling, punctuation and numeracy are not all that they should be."

Many educationists and politicians found something to their liking in the prince's broadside. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, speaking on Radio 4's *PM* programme, said: "The new curriculum will concentrate on sensible methods of reading, spelling and literature, and that very much includes Shakespeare."

In his speech the prince said: "As we move towards a national curriculum for our schools — sometimes known as an entitlement curriculum — I find myself wondering why the students of our schools are not as entitled to Shakespeare as to other parts of the syllabus?

"Do we really want to sanction a situation where children are rarely introduced nowadays to the literary masterpieces of bygone ages? Are we all so frightened and cowed by the shadowy 'experts' that we can no longer screw courage to the sticking-place and defiantly insist that they are talking unmitigated nonsense?" "... it is high time the bluff of the so-called 'experts' was called."

It was encouraging that the national curriculum attainment targets in English favoured an acquaintance with some important works of literature, but that was insufficient to counteract 20 years of accelerating erosion of serious literary study. "There are terrible dangers, it seems to me, in so following fashionable trends in education ... that we end up with an entire generation of culturally disinherited young people."

The prince welcomed the announcement of a new pay review body for teachers, which could go a long way towards encouraging more first-rate recruits to the profession. He felt "an overwhelming sense of shame" that Britain had for so long allowed itself such a short-sighted approach to education, with all its narrowness and its depressingly poor figures of pupils continuing to higher education. He confessed he had found that grinding through *Julius Caesar* at Gordonstoun had left him unmoved. But he had since seen the light.

The two largest teaching unions interpreted the speech as an attack on the government's handling of education. The National Union of Teachers said the prince was right that teachers were demoralised and the system was failing 16- to 19-year-olds. However, the National Association for Teachers of English dismissed the speech as "nonsense" and said more Shakespeare was taught today than ever before.

Educationists are the latest in a long list of specialists to have suffered a tongue-lashing from the prince, who clearly has no intention of carrying out the threat he once made to "go off somewhere else" if people disapproved of his speaking openly. Architects have endured consistent attacks delivered in person and on television. The prince has also said his piece on the inner-city, acid rain and the threat to the ozone layer, tropical rainforests, industrial pollution, the Book of Common Prayer, and violence on cinema and television screens.

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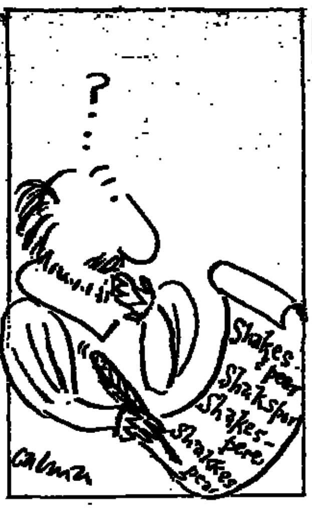

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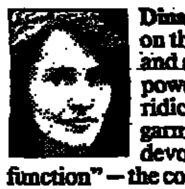

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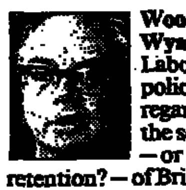

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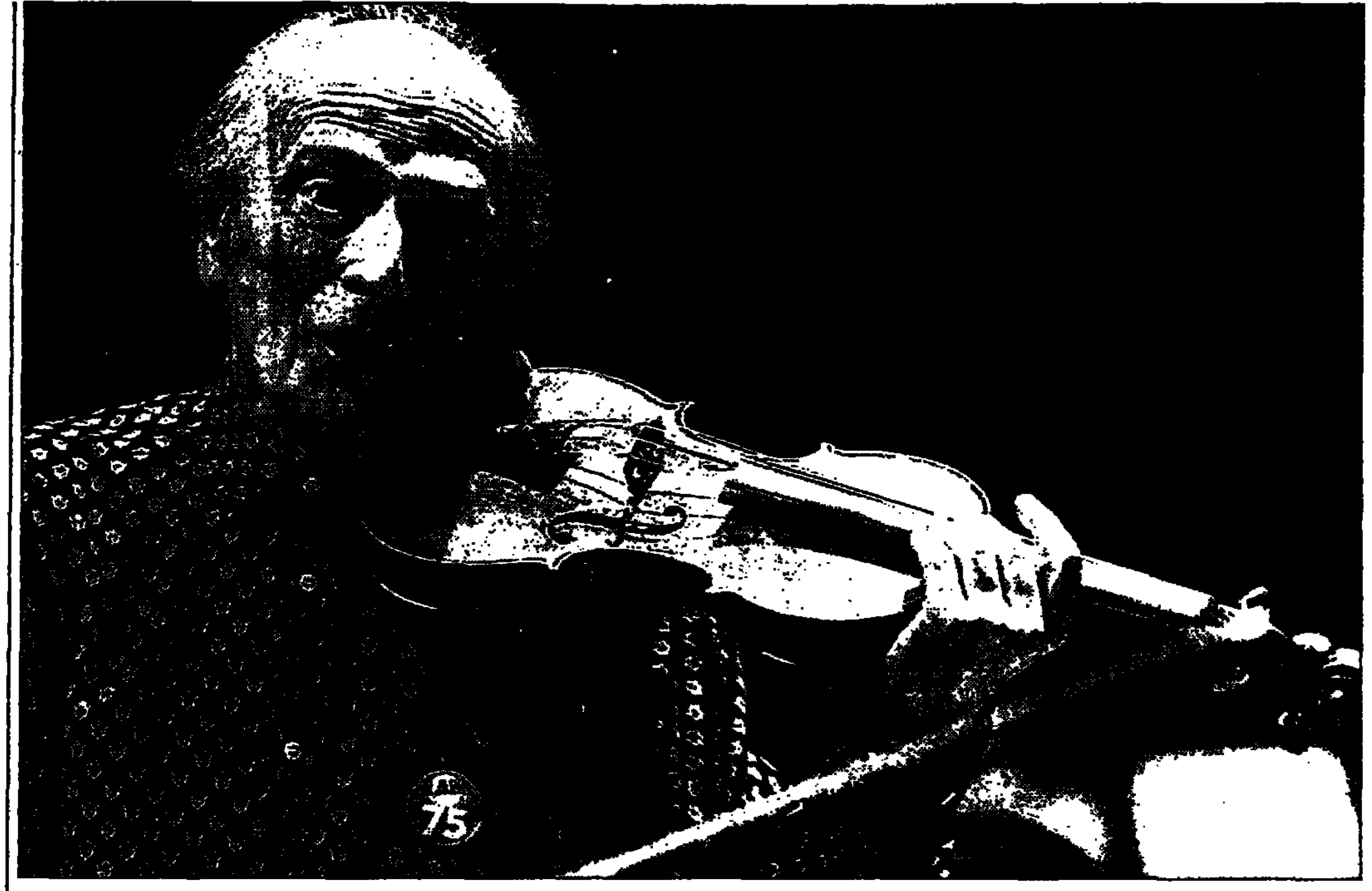

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Pavlov risks all to stop decline

From Bruce Clark
in Moscow

VALENTIN Pavlov, the Soviet prime minister, yesterday proposed harsh measures, including a crackdown on industrial picketing, as he presented to parliament an economic rescue package that aims to slow, but not reverse, the downwards spiral in industrial output.

The package was praised as "realistic and positive" by President Gorbachev, who faces crucial political tests in the next few days after returning at the weekend, looking haggard, from an unsuccessful trip to Japan where he had hoped to secure huge financial and economic aid. By endorsing the plan, Mr Gorbachev increased the risk that he, too, will be forced out of power if the Pavlov cabinet, which has incurred public wrath by ordering huge price rises, collapses.

According to the President, critics were asking such questions like: "Isn't this too much of a turn towards liberalism and capitalism?" However he would reply: "You and I have already started on the path from democracy to a totalitarian system." A foretaste of such criticism was provided by the ex-Politburo member, Yegor Ligachev, who called for "the levers of planning" to be reintroduced to the main sectors of the economy.

The plan, a mixture of deregulation and authoritarian measures, aims only to hold this year's fall in national income to 10 or 15 per cent, and the drop in industrial production to between 13 and 18 per cent, according to a report presented to deputies. That would still mark a decline without parallel in post-war history.

The deputies were told that if current policies were left unchanged, national income would soon fall by 25 per cent a year, and social and political protests would be almost certain before the end of the year. The gross national product tumbled by 8 per cent in the first three months of this year, even before the main effects of the coal strike, which began in early March, were felt in steel mills, chemical plants and

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Chalker doubles aid for Kurds

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor,
and Andrew Finkel, Diyarbakir

GIVING a dramatic account of the suffering she saw in Kurdish refugee camps in Turkey and Iran, Lynda Chalker, the overseas development minister, yesterday told the House of Commons that relief supplies to Iran had to be doubled without delay. She also announced an immediate initial contribution of £2 million from the £20 million pledged by the prime minister.

She said that relief flights to Iran would double to four a week and that the British Red Cross and the Save The Children Fund were to set up a centre for 150,000 refugees that would distribute relief, initially for three months.

Shortly after the minister addressed the House, the Turkish government told leading Western relief organizations, including the Red Cross, to cease operating out of Diyarbakir. Planes instead will go to Incirlik, near Adana, a six-hour drive away.

The Turkish government also announced its own plan for dealing with the 400,000 Kurdish refugees stranded along its border. Mr Hayri Kozakcioglu, the regional governor of the Turkish south-east, suggested at a press conference yesterday that the refugees be resettled directly in their own towns and villages. The scheme would allow them to be resettled quickly without the need for a "half-way house" of large refugee camps.

British and French troops joined American colleagues setting up the safe havens on the border as Mrs Chalker told the Commons that there were over 1.2 million Iraqi refugees in Iran. Many thousands more were waiting to cross the border. Britain has already supplied 160 tonnes of aid in West Azerbaijan and was helping the Iranian Red Crescent in relief efforts at 55 camps in the region.

Mrs Chalker said that conditions were horrendous. "The health of women and children is particularly at risk because of unclean water, no sanitation, limited health care and irregular food distribution. In the mosque at one camp, the first point of arrival, whole families lie huddled together in row upon row with no facilities at all. They move on into tents, where they have a little more space but where ground dampness makes the problem of extreme cold at night much worse.

Later, at a press conference, the minister criticised the United Nations. She will today travel from Paris to New York with Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, its secretary general, and will try to persuade him that the UN should do far more to organise relief and take on its humanitarian responsibilities. She was critical that it had sent only a handful of officials to the capitals of the countries where refugees have fled.

Britain's efforts were costing £3 million a week and Mrs Chalker said she would find the money one way or another — "even from the treasury".

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Alarm bells ring over scope of aid

*Could Britain's effort to help the Kurds backfire politically on John Major? **Michael Evans** reports on official fears about the scale of the operation*

Whitehall is increasingly concerned that Britain's commitment to Operation Haven, setting up camps for Kurdish refugees, could rise alarmingly. More British troops on top of the 5,000 already committed may be needed; they will be deployed for an indefinite period — and the Treasury has not yet agreed to pay the cost of the operation.

The ministry of defence's plans involve the deployment of about 4,500 marines and army personnel. The British contingent will be joined by 500 Dutch marines.

However, some defence officials describe the logistics of the operation as chaotic, with the Turkish authorities unable to cope with the constant flow of military aircraft coming into the country. The British military contribution may have to rise well above the present ceiling of 5,000, because of the need for more personnel to take charge of transport, supplies and overall logistics.

Although ministers have been careful to underline that the operation is a humanitarian one — and therefore temporary — defence ministry officials acknowledge it is impossible to set any form of deadline on the relief operation. Nobody can predict how long elements of 3 Commando Brigade will have to stay in Iraq. Nor is there any decision yet on who will pay for the military operation.

Yesterday members of the reconnaissance party which left for northern Iraq last week, including Brigadier Andy Keeling, commander of 3 Commando Brigade, returned to Britain.

Details of the British contribution are expected to be announced today, after their recommendations.

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Praise for teachers 'but must try harder'

By David Tytler, education editor

ON THE day the prince was criticising primary schools, Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools were praising teachers for the way they had introduced national curriculum English to seven-year-olds.

The inspectors said that schools had made a promising start but that teachers could do better in reading, which was the focus of continuing complaints about falling standards in state schools. There had been particularly good work in writing, speaking, listening and activities involving new technology, the inspectors said, but one in three primary schools was failing to provide satisfactory or better standards.

"Most schools achieved satisfactory standards in reading with 5-6 year olds by employing a considered combination of teaching methods," the inspectors' report said. "More coherent and explicit approaches to reading need to be adopted especially in the careful balancing of methods for teaching reading, developing motivation and the habit of voluntary reading."

Some teachers did not demand enough of their classes, and failed to get children to learn the basics or to encourage reading for pleasure, said the report, which was based on visits to more than 600 classes.

The inspectors also said that the introduction of the national curriculum had exposed difficulties with some school buildings, while more needed to be done to provide a sufficient range of attractive and challenging books and to encourage reading for pleasure. Many classes were disrupted by teacher shortages, few schools had proper libraries, and some schools suffered cramped conditions because of increasing numbers.

Antibiotics may offer treatment for arthritis

By Thomson Prentice, medical correspondent

A BACTERIAL infection may be one of the main causes of rheumatoid arthritis, according to research published yesterday. The finding could open the way to the condition being treated by antibiotics, according to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.

The bacterium responsible for the painful and incurable disease also causes urinary tract infections, which like the joint disorder, are more common in women than men, Alan Ebringer of King's College London, said.

Dr Ebringer found that 80 per cent of arthritic patients in a study at the Middlesex hospital, central London, had antibodies to the bacterium during active phases of the disease. He also found high levels of antibodies to another bacterium in patients with ankylosing spondylitis, an inflammatory disease affecting joints in the spine.

Further studies will be necessary to confirm the findings and to show whether antibiotics can benefit sufferers of the two conditions.

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Cold cheer as frost bites Bordeaux wine crop

From John Phillips
in Paris

HOPES for another bumper production of claret this year were dashed yesterday after a cold snap over the weekend destroyed vine buds in the Bordeaux region, as well as causing serious damage in the vineyards of Touraine and the Champagne.

The Inter-Professional Council for the Wines of Bordeaux predicted that this year's crop will be reduced by a half, falling from six million hectolitres to three million, representing a loss of 400,000 bottles that could send prices soaring for British claret tipplers.

"The frost hit everywhere and was preceded by a very cold north wind," said Hubert Bouteiller, the president of the council. "In one foul swoop the work of a year's vine pruning was destroyed."

A spokesman for the Inter-Professional Council for the Wines of the Champagne said as much as one-third of vines producing the precious bubbly grape were also damaged by the cold snap. "We certainly are worried," said Andre Perreut.

The temperature in the Bordeaux area plunged on average of minus 1.3 degrees Celsius (about 30 degrees Farenheit) between Saturday night and Sunday morning, according to meteorologists stationed at Bordeaux-Merignac. In some areas such as Entre-deux-Mers the thermometer fell as far as minus seven Celsius. Some producers in the worst-hit St Emilion and Pomerol areas saw between 80 and 100 per cent of vines damaged by the frost.

"It will be a small crop for sure," said Jean-Marie Chadronnier a spokesman for the wine growers' union of Bordeaux. "It is not just in Bordeaux but basically everywhere, in the areas of Anjou and Cognac and in the Champagne as well. It might also have affected the Beaujolais and Burgundy areas, we don't know yet. It is rather general."

M Chadronnier said the weather over the next two or three weeks will determine whether growers can minimise the damage which came after ten basically good years for Bordeaux growers, including several bumper crops.

Damage in the Médoc region and the Sauternais was described as "very grave". Farmers lit fires in the vineyards of the Chateâu Petrus and even sent a helicopter over the stricken plants to try and warm up the air.

Temperatures plummeted to between minus four and minus six Celsius in the Touraine region damaging crops of *chinol bourgueil* as well as Touraine, according to Bernard Thevenet, the director of the Inter-Professional Committee for the wines of the region. The Loire Atlantique also suffered serious damage.

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'Shakespeare holds up a mirror for us to see ourselves and to experience ourselves'

Prince makes a plea for culture in curriculum

The following is an edited text of the Prince of Wales's Shakespeare birthday lecture given at Stratford-upon-Avon yesterday

The prince and the playwright: "Shakespeare has that ability to draw characters so universal that we recognise them around us"

I HAVE to confess that my acquaintance with Shakespeare began in singularly undistinguished fashion. The O level text we ground our way through at Gordonstoun was *Julius Caesar*. The experience left me largely unmoved. That is perhaps not surprising, since it became only too apparent to me that I was a late developer — of a particularly virulent kind...

Time and again in Shakespeare's characters we recognise elements of ourselves. Shakespeare has that ability to draw characters so universal that we recognise them alive and around us today, every day of our lives.

Shakespeare holds up a mirror for us to see ourselves and to experience ourselves, so that we gain in the process a more profound understanding of ourselves and others, appreciating right and wrong, and the factors which make us behave as we do.

Shakespeare's message is the universal, timeless one, yet clad in the garments of his time. He is not just *our* poet, but the world's. Yet his roots are ours, his language is ours, his culture ours.

Hanging onto our cultural roots is one way of preserving national identities, and indeed the stability of our civilisations. Other countries, particularly those with a strong cultural tradition of their own, understand the importance of this and the value of acquainting each new generation with their literary inheritance.

Why is it, then, that we in this country seem to see things differently? There are now several GCSE English Literature courses which prescribe no Shakespeare at all. There is at least one A-Level English Literature syllabus on which Shakespeare is not compulsory. Thousands of intelligent children leaving school at 16 have never seen a play of Shakespeare on film or on the stage, and have never been asked to read a single word of any one of his plays.

I find all this difficult to understand. In an age when we are bombarded, perhaps saturated, with instant information...has anyone stopped to consider whether all this actually helps to make us wiser human beings?

The aids to understanding today are such that it should be easier than ever to ensure that all the young are able to appreciate their cultural inheritance... As we move towards a national curriculum for our schools — sometimes known as an entitlement curriculum — I find myself wondering why the students of our schools are not as entitled to Shakespeare as to other parts of the syllabus? Do those who disapprove of Shakespeare, arguing for some *extraordinary* reason that he is elitist, wish to deprive those not already familiar with his work from acquiring an understanding of it — or of other great literature?

This marginalising of Shakespeare seems to be symptomatic of a general flight from our great literary heritage. Do we really want to sanction a situation where children are rarely introduced nowadays to the literary masterpieces of bygone ages? Are we all so frightened and cowed by the shadowy "experts" that we can no longer "screw our courage to the sticking place" and defiantly insist that they are talking unmitigated nonsense? It is high time that the bluff of the so-called 'experts' was called. If our newspapers rose to the challenge and conducted a survey amongst their readers, the silent majority might finally be able to say what it really thought on this subject...

“Are we frightened and cowed by the shadowy 'experts'?”

I am sure that most teachers would willingly rise to the challenge of introducing their pupils to an experience which, whilst perhaps initially difficult, will be with them for the rest of their lives — although I am only too aware that there are many teachers who have so despaired of the hostility and indifference of some of the pupils confronting them in their classrooms that they have felt it better to teach them *something* rather than nothing at all. Isn't this an area where the national curriculum should be helping them?

I know that the attainment targets for English state that children should be introduced to — and I quote — "some of the works which have been most influential in shaping and refining the English language and its literature eg the Authorised Version of the Bible, Wordsworth's poems...the novels of Austen, the Brontes or Dickens...some of the works of Shakespeare". This is an encouraging injunction, but I do seriously wonder whether it is enough to counteract what many consider to be an accelerating erosion of serious literary study over the last 20 years.

There are terrible dangers, it seems to me, in so following fashionable trends in education — trends towards the 'relevant', the exclusively contemporary, the immediately palatable — that we end up with an entire generation of culturally disinherited young people. I, for one, don't want to see that happen in this country. Nor, I suspect, do countless parents up and down the nation, who probably feel utterly powerless in the face of yet another profession, this time the 'educationists', which I believe has become increasingly out of touch with the true feelings of so-called 'ordinary' people.

Many "ordinary" parents, I suspect, would agree that education is not about social engineering, but about preparing our children as best we can for *all* the challenges in front of them. This means not only training them for work through the acquisition of knowledge, but also giving them an understanding of themselves and of the deeper meaning of life.

In France, Italy and Belgium every child under five receives nursery education from the state. Here, less than half of our children have that right. When they reach primary level, what awaits them? Certainly a great many devoted and committed teachers, many no doubt inspirational, but as often as not too great an emphasis on the child-centred approach, the open-ended learning situation, and too much stress on process rather than content.

“Why is it that we in this country see things differently?”

It is almost incredible that in Shakespeare's land one child in seven leaves primary school functionally illiterate. Moreover, it appears to be an increasingly common impression that standards of handwriting, spelling, punctuation and numeracy are not at all what they should be. In most schools children are deemed incapable of learning foreign languages before the age of 11 — yet by the age of 14 half of them have given it up... As if that wasn't enough, present indications are that after the age of 14 children will not be required by the national curriculum to study any aesthetic subject. Perhaps most alarming of all, only a third of our 16-18 year olds are still in full-time education. Forty per cent of our children leave full time schooling with no significant educational qualifications at all.

On reflection, it is not all that surprising that so many leave school as soon as they can. Sixth-form education is, after all, geared mainly to preparing pupils for universities, polytechnics or other forms of further education. This inevitably frightens off those who are less academically minded, if it does not simply disqualify those who would like to do so from staying on.

Meanwhile, those of our pupils who *do* stay on for the sixth form study three, or at most four, subjects. The advantage of such specialisation is that those subjects tend to be covered in a depth which gives our undergraduates a strong start when they begin their university studies. The disadvantage is that they often miss out on education in a whole range of other subjects.

Are we sure that mathematicians do not need to learn to write English, or speak foreign languages? Or that our historians can survive without an understanding of economics and philosophy? It is almost unknown in other countries... for there to be this exclusive concentration on such a limited range of subjects.

It would be encouraging to think that an attractive programme of vocational training was available for the large numbers of our young people coming out of full-time education at sixteen. In Germany there is virtually no labour market for 16-18 year olds outside the appropriate system. Moreover, employers are legally obliged to give *all* young adults at least one day off a week for off the job training.

Here at home it is a sadder story. Most of those who leave school the moment they can go straight on to the labour market — or more depressingly — onto the register of unemployed. What a way to begin adult life. Only now are we coming to terms with the price we have paid for allowing the apprenticeship system to wither away. Only now are we putting in place arrangements to give our young people the vocational qualifications which they — and the country — needs.

It is heartening that commercial firms are increasingly involved in such training schemes, and are partners with government in the training and enterprise councils set up two years ago. But, as a nation, we have been appallingly slow in bridging the huge gulf between the start we give our young people and the preparation for work which they receive in other countries. We have also been slow to see the disadvantages of forcing our children to choose between either an academic education or a technical, vocational one — a divisive practice almost unknown in other countries. What worries me so much is how we are going to survive in the Europe of 1992 and beyond shackled with such manifest handicaps...

Education has suffered badly from the process of lurching from one set of policy initiatives to another, as governments change, and a seemingly endless squeeze on resources. The result — sadly, at a time when education faces greater challenges than ever before — has been a major onset of innovation fatigue, a teaching force which invariably feels underpaid and demoralised, and inadequate attention being paid to their accommodation and equipment needs.

Encouragingly, there is now a greater consensus perhaps than ever before that education is the number one priority for the future. The overall concept of a national curriculum seems to be agreed by all political parties — and most teachers. So, too is the need to do something about the education — and training — of our 16-18 year olds. There is talk of the establishment of a new national commission to look into educational opportunities for *all*. And last week's announcement of a new pay review body for the teachers could go a long way towards encouraging more first-rate people to choose teaching as a career. The prospects for getting things right may therefore be better than they have been for a long time.

Let us, therefore, grasp this opportunity and resist the temptation to deny the cultural heritage of our country to so many young people simply because of expediency or because of a mistaken utilitarian approach. We live in an age obsessed with the tangible, with discernible results and with that which is measurable. While applauding the stress that has to be placed on the technical, the practical, the vocational and the commercially viable, I would like to stress, again, that I believe that education is more than just training. After all, there is little point in becoming technically competent if at the same time we become culturally inept.

“There are terrible dangers in following fashionable trends”

In pleading for a restoration of sanity, I have to admit to a feeling of profound sadness that a very great deal of damage has already been done; and that in the unlikely event of anyone taking serious notice of what is said by those of us who care deeply about the value of a grounding in our greatest literature, it will take far too long to put things back on course.

I don't want my children — or anybody else's — to be deprived of Shakespeare, or of the other life-enhancing elements which I have suggested should be part of the schooling entitlement of all the children of this country. And I don't want our future generations to be the poor relations in a Europe in which there will be less and less room for those who can't keep up. But I fear that these are real dangers if we evade those key questions about the nature and purpose of education which I have touched on today, and if we fail to give our schools and our teachers the resources, and the philosophical framework, they need to produce the right results.

REACTION TO SPEECH

Qualified praise from politicians and educationists

By **JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT**

EDUCATIONISTS and politicians all found something to their liking in the Prince of Wales's broadside on school standards yesterday. Teachers' unions detected a condemnation of the government, while ministers found support for their policies.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said that he agreed with much of what the prince had said, although he took issue with some of his statistics.

"When Prince Charles said that teaching was out of touch he might have got it right. We are addressing all the things that he is talking about at the moment," Mr Clarke said on BBC Radio 4's *PM*. "The new curriculum will concentrate on sensible methods of reading, spelling and literature and that very much includes Shakespeare."

Mr Clarke said that the prince was too kind to the education systems of other countries in his international comparisons. Only 8 per cent of pupils now left school without qualifications, while the percentage of 16-18 year-olds in education was closer to two-thirds than the prince's quoted one third.

Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, took a predictably different view. "Prince Charles's comments that we are in danger of becoming the poor relations of Europe will strike a chord with most parents, who can see that after 12 years of Conservative rule we have too few nursery places, a nation of crumbling schools and poorly valued and rewarded teachers."

The two largest teaching unions also interpreted the speech as an attack on the government's handling of education. The National Union of Teachers said that the Prince of Wales was correct in saying that teachers were demoralised and that the system was failing 16-19 year-olds. "The commitment just isn't there from the government," the union said.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "I agree with a lot of the points he is making, especially about underfunding and ceaseless change. Perhaps he is placing too much faith in Shakespeare to resolve all our problems, but I strongly recommend schools in the London area to specialise in his work, and maybe one day a member of the royal family will turn up on their doorstep."

English teaching organisations took issue with the claims that the study of Shakespeare was declining. The National Association for Teachers of English dismissed the prince's speech as nonsense and said that more Shakespeare was being taught today than ever before.

Every pupil studied Shakespeare under the new national curriculum, said Terry Furlong, chairman of the 6,000-strong group that represents primary and secondary English teachers. The prince's "burbling" speech proved how out of touch he was, Mr Furlong said. "I can't imagine Prince Charles is in any position to know the true feelings of ordinary people."

The prince's comments were broadly welcomed at Westminster, however. Patrick Cormack, Tory MP for Staffordshire South and a former teacher, said: "The Prince of Wales is a much-needed civilising influence in an increasingly material age. Scientists who have an appreciation of the humanities are far more likely to serve humanity than those whose knowledge is entirely clinical, and whose minds have not been extended by the realms of literature and art."

IRA peace offer on revenge killings

By **RICHARD FORD**
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Provisional IRA last night held out the prospect of an end to tit-for-tat killings in Northern Ireland when it offered to stop killing members of Loyalist paramilitary groups.

The move was in response to last week's announcement by Loyalist groups of a qualified ceasefire for the duration of the political talks on the province's future, which start next week.

In a statement the IRA said: "Should these death squads become inactive then the IRA will monitor the situation and act accordingly." The effect of both announcements could mean an end to the spate of sectarian murders that have recently occurred in the province.

However, the IRA said that it would continue to regard members of the security forces as legitimate targets.

Howe to take law firm job

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, former deputy prime minister, is to be a special adviser to the world's second biggest law firm, Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue.

Richard Pogue, managing partner, said that Sir Geoffrey, who was a barrister before he entered politics, would help the firm's "strategic and investment activities" in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. The law firm is based at Cleveland, Ohio, and has offices throughout the world, including one in London. Sir Geoffrey is not standing at the next general election.

Catholics 'not in top jobs'

Roman Catholics are still significantly under-represented in senior posts in the public and private sector in Northern Ireland, according to a report by the province's Fair Employment Commission (Richard Ford writes).

While the general employment pattern was in line with the Protestant-Catholic make-up, Catholic men were two-and-a-half times more likely to be unemployed. Catholics were also under-represented in big companies and in top jobs in private business and the public sector.

Gas explosion

Two people were seriously injured and two others slightly hurt in an explosion and fire at a gas bottling factory at Basford, near Nottingham, yesterday. Some fled the scene with their clothes on fire and those seriously injured were treated for burns. Police said that the cause of the explosion was not known. One worker reported missing at the time of the explosion, just after 10.30am, was later found.

BBC jobs go

THE BBC is to shed 114 jobs by contracting out most of its transport services in London as part of an effort to save £75 million a year by 1993. The cuts, which will save £500,000, follow 1,400 redundancies in other departments.

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Arthritis may be treatable with antibiotic drugs

By Thomson Prentice and Alice Thomson

RHEUMATOID arthritis is caused by a bacterial infection and could become treatable with antibiotic drugs, a leading *researcher into the disease* said yesterday.

The condition, which afflicts at least a million people in Britain, is triggered in many if not most cases by a bacterium that causes changes in the immune system, according to studies by Alan Ebringer, of King's College London.

If confirmed by further research, the findings, already supported by scientists at two other centres, could represent one of the biggest advances in the understanding and treatment of the disease. The bacterium responsible is *Proteus mirabilis*, the second most common cause of urinary tract infections and cystitis, Dr Ebringer said at a news conference organised by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council. The fact that more women than men suffer these infections could explain why three out of four rheumatoid arthritis sufferers are women.

Studies by Dr Ebringer at Middlesex hospital, central London, showed that during active phases of the disease, 80 per cent of arthritic patients had antibodies to the bacteria, while the antibodies were found in only 25 per cent of non-arthritics.

Dr Ebringer has been investigating the role of a number of bacteria in the disease. He believes that a causative chain of events occurs after the *Proteus mirabilis* infect the urinary tract and kidneys. His theory is that antibodies are produced in response to the infection, other immune responses are activated, and a localised inflammation — the main symptom of rheumatoid arthritis — results. That might happen repeatedly, especially in individuals genetically susceptible to the bacteria.

"The presence of specific antibodies in the serum of at least 80 per cent of rheumatoid arthritis patients during acute phases of the disease clearly indicates that these patients have recently been exposed to these specific bacteria," Dr Ebringer said. He also produced evidence suggesting that ankylosing spondylitis, a rheumatic disease of the back which attacks mainly young men, might be caused by another bacterium, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*.

Dr Ebringer said that if his *hypotheses were correct*, treatment with antibiotics should lead to the removal of both types of antibody, and to a reduction in inflammation in sufferers. Further studies now in progress should answer that question and might show if the progression of rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis could be arrested.

"As yet we have no cure for these diseases, but if we can prove conclusively that these bacteria are involved we will be much better equipped to find preventative methods such as the correct antibiotics." Dr Ebringer said his research would not help sufferers of osteo-arthritis or acute rheumatoid arthritis but might benefit those with a susceptibility to rheumatoid arthritis or who had preliminary stages of the disease.

The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, which is funding Dr Ebringer's work, said: "The results are important because we may finally have found a way ahead. However, even if the findings are correct, most sufferers will not be able to get any treatment based on them for several years. But anything that gives a glimmer of hope to one million people is fantastic."

Elusive cause of painful disorder

By Our Medical Correspondent

IN SPITE of more than 100 years of intensive research, the causes of rheumatoid arthritis remain largely unknown, but a combination of genetic and environmental factors has long been suspected. The disease is one of the most serious and painful of joint disorders, striking particularly at the fingers, wrists, shoulders, knees, hips and neck.

Women are several times more likely than men to be affected, for reasons that are unclear. Estimates of the number of sufferers in Britain range from between 500,000 to more than a million, with many patients undiagnosed.

The condition is an autoimmune disorder, in which the natural defences are turned against part of the body itself rather than against infection. That reaction may be caused by a number of genes which either control how severe the disease becomes, or make some individuals more vulnerable to it. External factors, such as viruses or bacteria, probably also play a part.

Although rheumatoid arthritis is often thought of as a disease of the elderly, it can develop before middle age and in childhood, when again it is *more common in girls than in* boys. The onset is usually gradual, but it can also begin suddenly.

Affected joints become swollen, painful and stiff, and the surrounding muscles become weaker because of inflammation and thickening of the synovium, or lining membrane of the joint. In severe cases, joints can be destroyed, but drug treatment can prevent or delay that stage. The most widely used drugs are non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, which relieve the pain and stiffness, but which can cause or aggravate stomach ulcers.

If those drugs fail, or are unsuitable, corticosteroid drugs suppress the immune system and reduce the symptoms. They may also be injected into joints to give pain relief.

Some sufferers may need an artificial hip or knee joint, whereas others have to undergo occupational therapy or physiotherapy. About one in three victims of rheumatoid arthritis will have considerable disability. Ten per cent recover completely, but most sufferers have to take pain-relieving drugs for the rest of their lives.

JAMES GRAY

Off the rails: the scene near West India Quay station on the Docklands light railway in east London yesterday after two trains collided. Human error might have contributed to the crash, the first accident since the railway began in August 1987 (Michael Dynes writes).

***The crash happened during the* morning rush-hour when a train from Stratford to the Isle of Dogs ran into a train from Tower Gateway travelling in the same direction at an elevated junction where the three branches of the rail system merge. Firemen led passengers to safety and there were no injuries.**

The railway is an automatic *system in which a computer eff*ectively drives the trains. Each train has an automatic train operation which, based on information from a transmitter at each platform, lets it continue to the next station. Because of what is thought to have been a transmitter fault at Westferry station, however, the Tower Gateway train did not receive the information *needed to continue, and the on-board* train captain, who usually operates the doors, had to take the train out of the station manually.

Railway officials were unable to say why the driver did not see the approaching Stratford train. The railway is also fitted with automatic train protection to prevent trains entering a section of track already *occupied. Investigators are trying to* establish why that system failed.

Boarding schools fight for pupils

By David Tytler, education editor

PUBLIC schools were challenged by their state boarding school cousins yesterday to fight for the declining numbers of parents who want their children educated at boarding schools.

Headteachers of state boarding schools, which charge a third of the fees of Eton or Winchester, are fed up with being neglected by local education authorities and many have decided to opt out of their control.

"State boarding schools are the best kept secret in education," John Haden, chairman of the new State Boarding Information Service, said. "We offer as varied a selection of schools as the independent sector and provide a comparable education."

The heads of the 50 state boarding schools in England will meet in London tomorrow to mount a campaign to counter the falling demand for boarding places, which is hitting state and independent schools, both of which have seen demand fall by 10 per cent since 1984.

State boarding schools provide free education but charge boarding fees of £825 to £1,500 a term compared with the average £3,000 in the private sector.

● Secondary schools should be allowed to have their own bank accounts and cheque books by next April to ensure that they have control over their annual budgets, Michael Fallon, the junior schools minister, said yesterday.

Even the smallest schools would be able to control their budgets and all schools could apply for the power to take effect from April, Mr Fallon said.

Privatised BR expected to cut road congestion

By Michael Dynes, transport correspondent

THE reduction of road congestion will be a central aim of legislation to privatise British Rail, Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, said yesterday.

Privatisation would free the railways from the financial disciplines imposed by the annual public expenditure round, enabling rail managers to press ahead with investment schemes to improve rail services, financed by commercial borrowing, and so reducing the burden on the road network, Mr Rifkind said.

The freedom to borrow from the financial markets would enable rail managers to exploit the commercial opportunities presented by the new combined road-rail technologies for switching long-distance freight from road to rail. "These technologies could make a substantial contribution to reduced congestion on the roads," Mr Rifkind said.

Privatisation would also help to change attitudes inside British Rail, making rail managers more sensitive to customer needs. "I have a gut feeling that it is the only way to change the attitude that if British Rail gets you to your destination it has done you a favour," he said.

Decisions about what form privatisation should take had not been finalised, although some options, particularly the breakup of the railways into five companies, InterCity, Network SouthEast, Regional Railways, Freight, and Parcels, appeared more viable than others, Mr Rifkind said.

The creation of a track authority, which would lease lines to companies offering rail services, has not been ruled out, but the difficulties presented could undermine the objectives of privatisation. A national track authority would be "a powerful monopoly in its own right", Mr Rifkind said, requiring a regulatory authority to decide who should be responsible for investment in new track and signalling. If the regulatory authority were to be the state, it would undermine the whole exercise, he said.

A track authority would offer no solutions to the difficulties faced by Network SouthEast, where public dissatisfaction was greatest, because the network was so congested that there was no room for additional services. In addition, private companies were unlikely to compete to run services on loss-making Regional Railways, Mr Rifkind said. He added that the government had no objections to a more integrated approach towards transport planning, providing it was designed to improve all modes of transport.

Mr Rifkind said that transport officials were re-examining the prospects for introducing road pricing, the system for charging motorists for using urban roads at peak periods, because of the projected increase in vehicle numbers.

Wheelchairs on fast track to marathon success

Peter Victor reports on the wheelchairs used in marathons

THE wheelchairs used by paraplegic contestants in the London marathon on Sunday are built with the precision and technology of custom racing bicycles. Bearing no resemblance to the bulky, weighty NHS-issue machine bravely piloted by a lone paraplegic marathon contestant in 1982, the best racing wheelchairs cost up to £1,200.

Chas Sadler came 29th in the wheelchair marathon in about the same time as Rosa Mota, the winning woman runner, at under two and a half hours. Mr Sadler, aged 41, a paraplegic since he was ten, had the chair made to measure last year by Bromakin Wheelchairs in Loughborough for £950.

Made of steel tubing, it has only three wheels. The two wheels at the back splay inwards to maximise the pushing action.

The front wheel, about half the size of the rear ones, is steered by short handlebars attached to short forks. The seat is saucer-shaped and nylon webbing straps form the *bottom, back and leg rests. On* Mr Sadler's machine a perspex footrest is suspended from webbing straps underneath the seat.

The wheels, made from aluminium alloy, have extremely thin rims with tyres inflated to up to 130 pounds per square inch, allowing high speeds but making punctures more likely.

Competitors fit cut down rubber tyres to the wheels' pushing rails. Gloves worn to protect the hands are wrapped in tape for extra padding. One of the back wheels carries a sensor for a computer mounted on the handlebars. This records distance, shows speed and calculates times over the mile. In Czechoslovakia last year, Mr Sadler was among a group of competitors tracked on police radar at 35mph on a downhill run.

In Sunday's marathon Farid Amarouch, from France, was first past the post, cutting four minutes off the previous record with a time of 1 hour 52 minutes 52 seconds.

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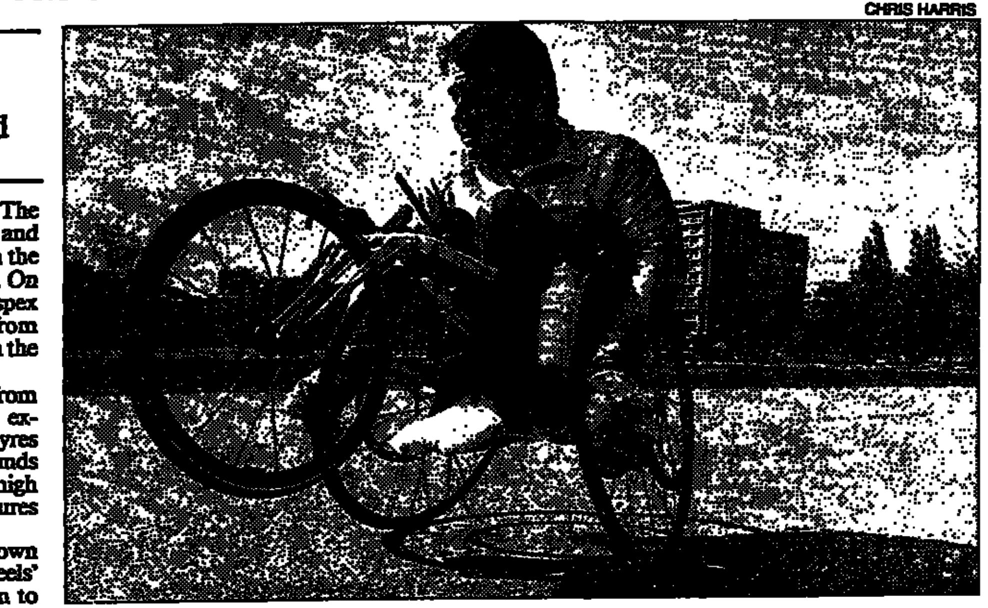
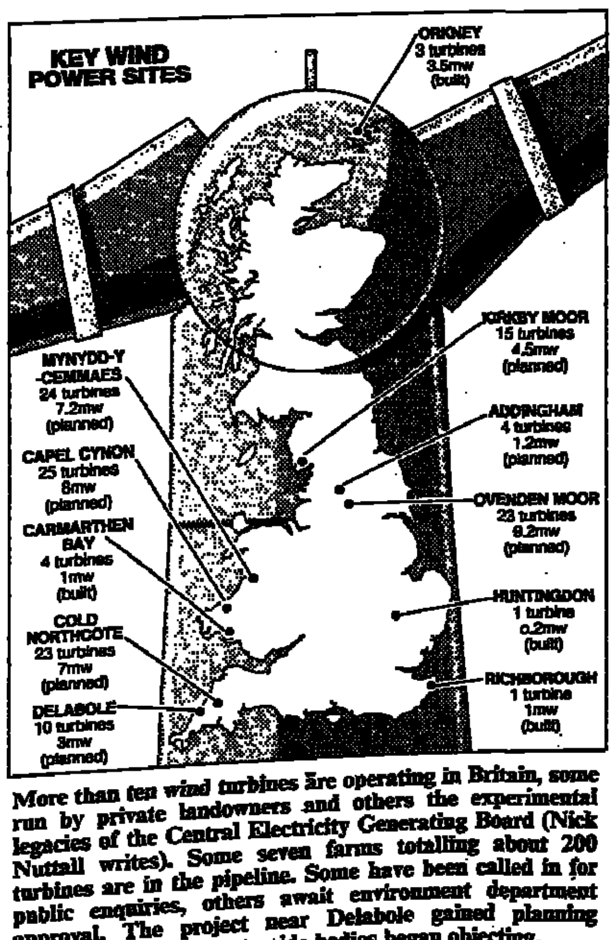


Wheelie show: Chas Sadler demonstrates the acceleration of a racing wheelchair

Enquiry into wind farm scheme on edge of Snowdonia seen as test case

Plans for a wind "farm" near Snowdon worry conservationists. Craig Seton takes soundings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More than ten wind turbines are operating in Britain, some run by private landowners and others the experimental legacies of the Central Electricity Generating Board (Nick Nuttall writes). Some seven farms totalling about 200 turbines are in the pipeline. Some have been called in for public enquiries, others await environment department approval. The project near Delabole gained planning permission before countryside bodies began objecting.

A PUBLIC enquiry into disputed plans for Britain's first large-scale wind power scheme on the edge of the Snowdonia national park is seen as a test case that could determine the pace and scale of commercially exploited wind energy.

Twenty-four wind turbines are envisaged for the proposed wind "farm". They would be strung along the 1,312ft high Mynydd-y-Cemmaes ridge near Machynlleth, Powys. The plan is opposed by the Countryside Commission (which otherwise welcomes the principle of clean, renewable forms of energy), the Council for the Protection of Rural Wales, and Snowdonia national park. They say the scheme would be a visual intrusion in an environmentally sensitive area, although the proposed farm would be just over a mile outside the southern edge of the designated park area at its nearest point. The company behind the £9 million scheme, the Wind Energy Group (WEG), a consortium including British Aerospace and Taylor Woodrow, fears that rejection of its plan could set back the development of wind power in Britain.

WEG believes that visual intrusion would be minimal and claims the support of two community councils, Montgomeryshire district council, the county council and most local people.

The 108ft-diameter turbines supported on 82ft columns would be erected at intervals over 2.4 miles of the high ridge and be capable of producing electricity for 6,500 homes.

Critics say there are better, less intrusive sites and that the turbines would be visible from high points in the national park, including Cader Idris, 10 miles away. The plan was called in by the Welsh department and a public enquiry that began on April 10 is expected to finish this week.

The scheme poses a dilemma for the government, which wants more of Britain's energy needs to be met by wind and other renewable resources. The decision by David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, on WEG's scheme is likely to set the environmental criteria for future wind power projects, which are likely to be proposed on windy, exposed land usually found in or near conservation areas. Others have been proposed in Yorkshire, Cornwall and Cumbria.

Dr Peter Musgrove, WEG deputy managing director, said: "It is absolutely crucial to get permission for this scheme. This is really a test case. If it is turned down it would make approval for other schemes less likely."

He said that Britain's wind energy resources were assessed as being capable of generating 10 per cent of electricity needs. If such a target were to be met, it would involve between 25,000 and 30,000 wind turbines being erected in the United Kingdom. He said: "We are ready with the technology to do that now."

Bill Henderson, the national park's southern area principal planning officer, said: "We believe there are better sites. If this scheme is approved the government will find it difficult to resist other similar applications."

The Countryside Commission has urged that the criteria for sites selected for wind power should be as stringent as those for coal, oil and nuclear schemes.

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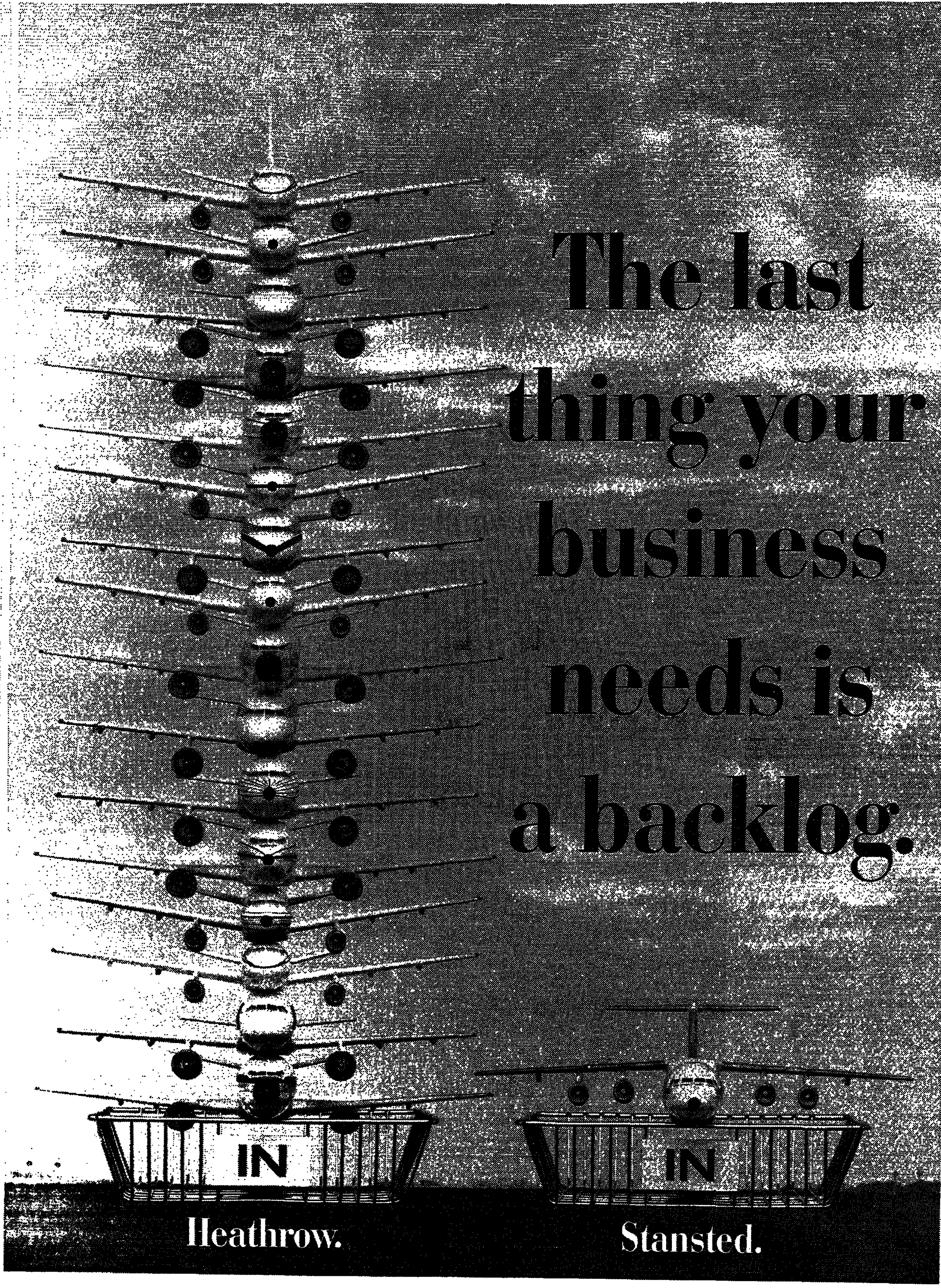

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Pay policy attack by union chief

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By SIMON TAIT, ART

AMATEUR drama will banish the professional theatre from the limelight in the autumn when the biggest theatre audience on record sees the world premiere of John Godber's new play, *Happy Families*, a comedy.

More than fifty amateur drama groups across the country will present the play on the same night before an estimated 100,000 theatre-goers in a £50,000 scheme sponsored by British Telecommunications. BT Biennial, in which a new play is to be commissioned for amateur production every two years, was launched at BT's London headquarters yesterday.

Brian Cooler, chairman of the Little Theatre Guild, which represents the best of Britain's 12,000 amateur com-

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Howard call for cash to cut jobless is renewed

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A DISPUTE has arisen in Whitehall over plans by Michael Howard, the employment secretary, for emergency measures to head off a surge in the jobless figures in the run-up to the general election.

Mr Howard has been pressing Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to approve his proposals for a multi-million pound "temporary work scheme" to take some of the sting out of the recession. He originally sought an announcement timed to coincide with the Budget but the plan was vetoed by Mr Lamont.

Mr Howard wants to revive arrangements akin to the community programme, which took 300,000 people off the dole in the mid-Eighties by putting them to work on socially useful projects such as clearing up derelict land and canals. He has returned to the fray because of worsening unemployment.

Last week, the day after his department announced that the 113,000 rise in unemployment during March had taken the seasonally adjusted total past the two million mark, Mr Howard wrote to the Chancellor urging him to reconsider the scheme.

Senior ministers fear that unemployment threatens the election timetable. The latest increase, plus other factors, has effectively closed off a June poll and shifted cabinet opinion towards the autumn.

Mr Howard will be arguing in his renewed appeal to the Chancellor that the scheme he is advocating would help to alleviate the worst effects of the recession on the labour market. Details of the plan were disclosed at the beginning of last month in a leaked employment department memorandum. It said that ministers were considering a new scheme "at the bottom end of employment training (ET)". ET, which is aimed at the long-term unemployed, replaced the community programme in 1988.

Labour and the Liberal Democrats have both renewed their calls for a temporary work scheme. However, Tony Blair, the Opposition's chief employment spokesman, has made plain his hostility to "makeshift" arrangements to massage the figures.

Yesterday, Mr Howard sought to pre-empt Labour attacks on the government's employment record by claiming that Labour plans for a national minimum wage would cost at least 1.25 million jobs. "If Labour's union paymasters had their way, and differentials were restored in full after the introduction of a minimum wage, job losses would soar to 1.25 million initially and to two million as the minimum was raised. One Labour policy could almost double unemployment."

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Pay policy attack by union chief

UNION leaders seeking to impose a minimum wage policy would do so only over the dead body of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, its president, Bill Jordan, said yesterday.

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Islanders weather chill of isolation

By KERRY GILL

FRANK BRADFORD

And then there were six: the remaining primary school pupils of Vatersay. A decision on whether to close the island school will be made this week

MOIRA Brown, the only primary school teacher on the tiny isle of Egilsay in Orkney, will retire next year satisfied at having seen the number of pupils multiply since she arrived from Ayrshire in the mid-1980s.

The island, half way between the Orkney mainland and Papa Westray, is one that has weathered the chill of depopulation, having attracted new settlers anxious to embrace the good life. In 1981, Egilsay was home to 25 people. Today there are 49, farming beef and sheep stock.

During the same ten years the school roll has grown from one pupil to seven. The classroom has been extended and the playground resurfaced, small signs that the community has a bright future. "When I first came here I was a bit apprehensive," said Mrs Brown, who settled on Egilsay with her husband after living in West Kilbride. "But I have a busier life here than in Ayrshire. You become involved with everyone and the community is growing."

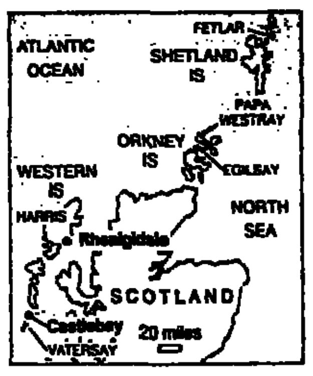
Fetlar, off Shetland, has not been so lucky. Twice in the past seven years the community has advertised for settlers. Forty years ago there were 200 inhabitants; today there are 80. The only shop is due to close and the primary school roll has fallen from ten to six.

Highlands and Islands Enterprise has responsibility for helping threatened communities. Its recently formed local enterprise companies will have to ensure that funds are channelled towards the most needy, such as Vatersay, the island off the southern tip of Barra, and Rhenigidale, on Harris.

The population of Rhenigidale has risen from ten to 14 since a five-mile road was built to the hamlet a year ago. Before the road, access was either by sea or over a treacherous, seven-mile mountain path. Modern communications have their drawbacks, however. The Rhenigidale school, which had one pupil and a teacher, has closed.

On Vatersay, recently connected to Barra by a causeway, a decision will be made this week on whether the six-pupil school will remain open. It is hoped that easier access will encourage more people to settle on the island. Over the past 13 years the population has fallen from 120 to less than 70.

The islanders want some of the old crofts renovated so that the council houses can be vacated for incomers. The crumbling buildings are a reminder of a community that peaked at 350 during the 1930s, after squatters had taken over the island 20 years earlier. When crofting laws were changed and the government bought Vatersay from its absentee landlord, the squatters were able to establish their own crofts. Their descendants hope for a similar regeneration.



'That's Life' man makes libel claim

By PAUL WILKINSON

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Campbell: victim of nasty attack, QC alleges

The wedding couple, Sue Diamond and Mark Richardson, agreed to the BBC recording their ceremony 25ft under water off Key Largo, Florida. The newspaper article appeared ten days later, Mr Eady said. It was rather nasty and written in a personal way attacking Mr Campbell, he said.

The article, based on alleged interviews with the couple, accused "pushy Gavin" of hiring 20 "guests", insisting on giving away the bride, and filming the ceremony three times. Mr Eady said that Mr Campbell believed "passionately" that he had been treated unjustly. He was an active fundraiser, so it was important his character should be beyond reproach. His portrayal as boorish and egotistical was grotesque because he was "exactly the opposite".

The case continues today.

100,000 will see play's premiere

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONENT

AMATEUR drama will banish the professional theatre from the limelight in the autumn when the biggest theatre audience on record sees the world premiere of John Godber's new play, *Happy Families*, a comedy.

More than fifty amateur drama groups across the country will present the play on the same night before an estimated 100,000 theatre-goers in a £50,000 scheme sponsored by British Telecommunications. BT Biennial, in which a new play is to be commissioned for amateur production every two years, was launched at BT's London headquarters yesterday.

Brian Cooter, chairman of the Little Theatre Guild, which represents the best of Britain's 12,000 amateur companies and which devised the scheme with BT, called the project "the greatest event in the history of the movement. This recognises that amateur theatre is often at the heart of cultural life in our communities. In many towns the amateur theatre is the only theatre."

John Godber won a Laurence Olivier award in 1984 for his play *Up 'n' Under*. He has written for television and next month his ten-part drama series about comprehensive school teachers is to begin on BBC. He is artistic director of one of Britain's leading regional fringe companies, Hull Truck. After the October launch the play's copyright reverts to Mr Godber and will be available to professional companies.

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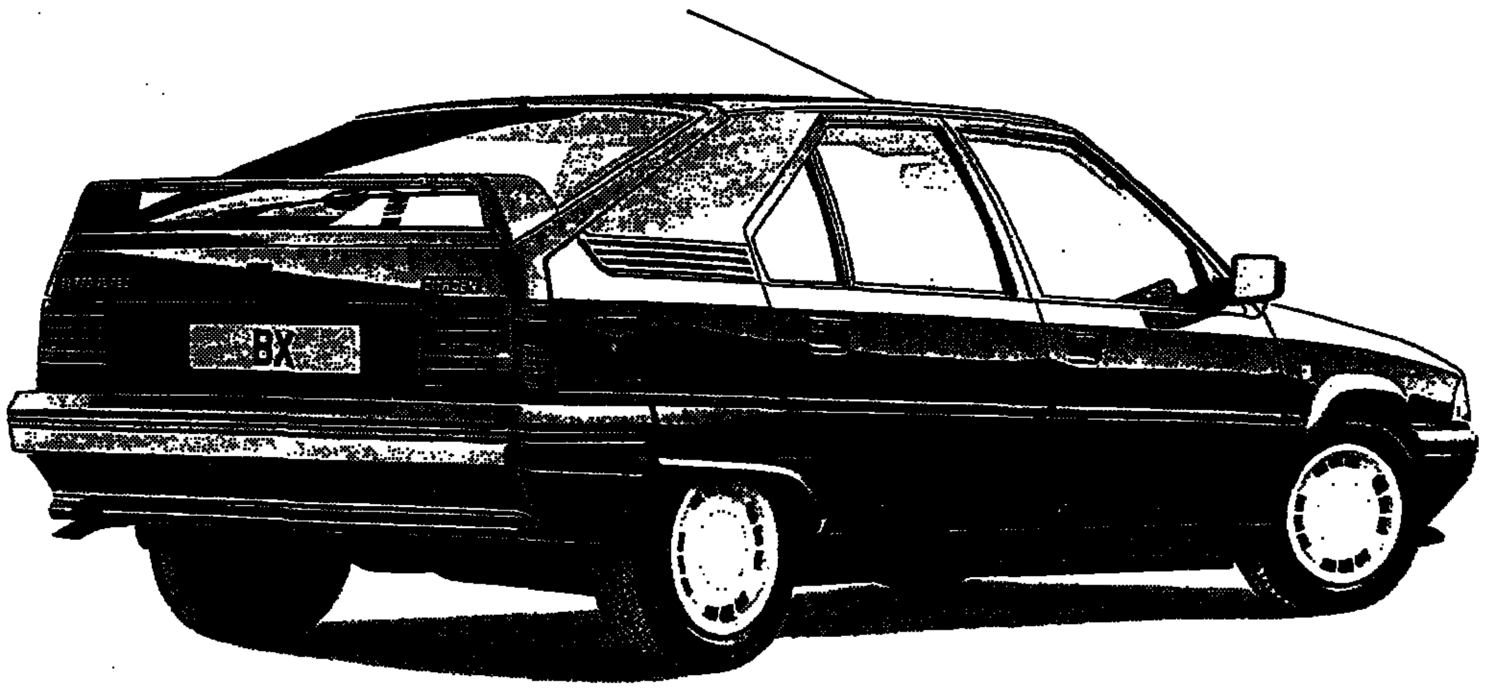

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Millions in drug profits seized after bank tip-offs

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

TIP-OFFS from bankers about suspicious customers have led investigators to millions of pounds of drug profits and the seizure of ten tonnes of cannabis and 200 kilos of cocaine, a London conference on money laundering was told yesterday.

The cash and drugs are part of an illicit industry in Britain generating an estimated £2.4 billion a year for cannabis, cocaine and heroin alone, according to a paper by Detective Inspector Tim Wren, of the national drugs intelligence unit. Experts estimate that 50 to 70 per cent of profits could be laundered.

The seizures were made over three and a half years after police and customs officers followed money trails acting under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act, which enables the identification and seizure of traffickers' assets.

One tip-off came from a Surrey bank about a man, purporting to be a fruit importer, who was sending money to Peru. His business could not have generated the wealth he had and his business account was being used to buy chemicals for refining cocaine. The enquiry led to the discovery of the first cocaine-processing plant seen in Europe.

A bank in the Southampton area reported a customer who was unemployed yet ran two accounts and deposited £500 to £600 every other day. The man was arrested for possession of drugs, including LSD and cannabis.

Since the act came into force in 1987 the national drugs intelligence unit has received over 4,000 reports about suspect transactions. About 5 per cent of disclosures prompt investigations which result in the seizure of drugs and cash, and a further 15 per cent help existing investigations.

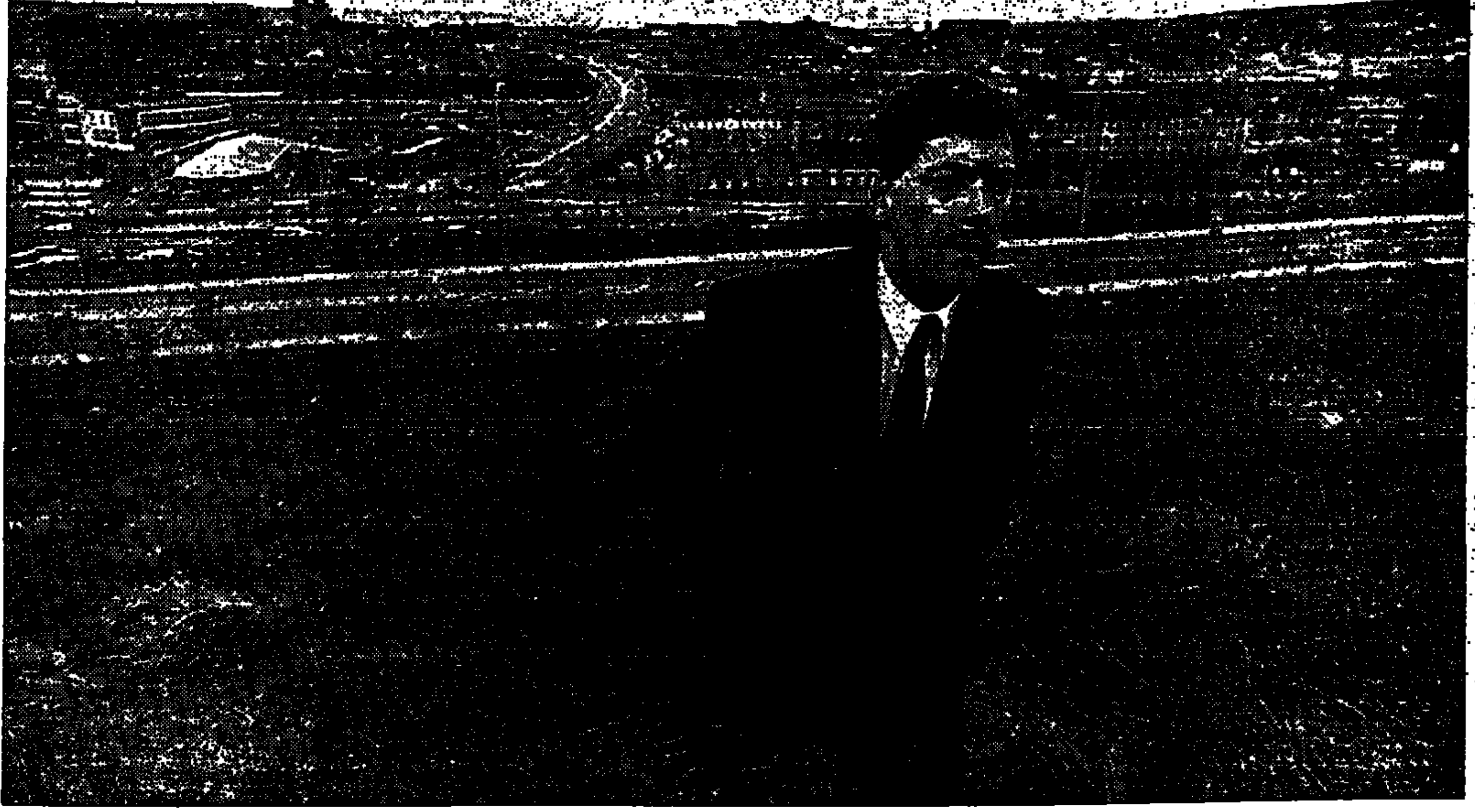
Last week Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, said that £27 million in drug profits had so far been confiscated under the legislation.

- Colombian drug cartels are moving into The Netherlands to exploit the country's traditional role as the gateway to Europe in the run-up to the single European market. A report by the Colombian secret police says that The Netherlands is the main European warehouse and shipment centre for the cocaine trade.
- A High Court judge yesterday agreed to a request from the Panamanian authorities to continue orders freezing bank accounts in Britain belonging to General Manuel Noriega.

Countdown to May 2 elections: Tory canvassers find that Major is an important asset

Bradford shakes off a heady legacy

By PETER DAVENPORT



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No looking back: Tommy Flanagan aims to consolidate Labour's control of Bradford council... and to unseat the Tory leader

THE cartoon pinned on the noticeboard in Ronnie Farley's office at Bradford city hall is a clear indication of the impact created by Eric Pickles, his predecessor as Tory leader.

Mr Pickles was a determined and pugnacious champion of the Thatcherite cause, intent on turning the local authority into "Bradford plc", a ready made "bogey-man" for his opponents and the possessor of a skin not so much thick as armour-plated.

He is not standing in the elections next month; instead, he is off as prospective parliamentary candidate to the safe Conservative seat of Brentwood and Ongar, a reward, it is said, for his time at the turbulent helm of what was then the Tories' northern flagship authority.

The cartoon on the noticeboard is set in the office of the *Telegraph and Argus*, the local evening newspaper. A front-page lies on the desk displaying the headlines "Iraq defeated" and "Pickles goes South" (a reference to his move to Brentwood and Ongar). An aide is holding the telephone and saying to his editor: "It's Saddam Hussein. He's complaining about being on t'same page as Eric Pickles." The cartoon is a measure of the fierce emotions that Pickles' combative style of leadership fostered and that led to boisterous confrontations in the council chamber during the time the Conservatives maintained control only with the casting vote of the lord mayor.

Since Labour regained control last year, it has devoted much energy to dismantling the Pickles legacy and it expects to be given an even greater mandate to carry on doing so on May 2.

Mr Farley, a chartered accountant and driver of a white Porsche, has a different style to Mr Pickles and one that is, on the surface, more engaging. Asked about any disparaging personal stories doing the rounds he is likely to say: "It's probably all true."

Mr Pickles would have been unlikely to have pinned a pair of pink knickers to the wall of his office, as Mr Farley has done at his firm of chartered acountants. He says he asked for the underwear, half jokingly, as the price of an after-dinner speech to a group of Sheffield ladies some years ago.

There are other differences too. Mrs Thatcher's demise — set off by the Bradford North by-election defeat — is proving no bad thing on the doorstep, he says, with voters preferring John Major.

The heady days of Tory rule in a city long regarded as a working class bastion seem far off; today Labour has 48 of the 90 council seats with the Tories holding 40 and the Liberal Democrats 2. There are 30 seats being contested on May 2; 16 held by Conservatives, 13 by Labour and one by the Liberal Democrats. Among them is Mr Farley's seat in the Clayton ward, regarded by some as marginal and one that is being targeted by Labour.

Tommy Flanagan, a councillor for seven years, took over as Labour leader last May. He says: "It would be a marvellous coup for us to unseat the Tory leader and we think that is possible." Mr Flanagan adds that the party has spent the past year dismantling the legacy of Mr Pickles and his Thatcherite policies which, he says, had resulted in a £30 million cut from the council budget for essential services. The poll tax under the Conservatives was £276, the lowest of any metropolitan district and one which, Labour says, had been set artificially low with government connivance.

Mr Flanagan says that the policy meant that Labour needed to set a poll tax this year of £343 just to stand still. To achieve some of its aims it settled on £363, before the Budget cut of £140, well inside the government's standard spending assessment.

Farley: offering voters a new style of Toryism

Mr Farley says that, because of the reduction and government plans to scrap the tax, it is is no longer a burning issue on the doorstep; Mr Flanagan says voters have longer memories and have not forgotten the financial impact of the tax in a traditionally low rated city.

For Mr Flanagan, who says he expects to gain six seats from the Tories, the days of confrontation with Eric Pickles may not be over. He has been selected as Labour's prospective parliamentary candidate to fight the Keighley seat near by, held by Gary Waller for the Conservatives with a majority of under 5,000. If he wins, politics Bradford-style may yet get an airing in Parliament.

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Postman jailed for hoarding

A postman was jailed for three months yesterday after pleading guilty to secreting 13,000 letters and parcels instead of delivering them and of stealing £60 from one of them.

The offences came to light only when Andrew Porter, aged 26, of Runcorn, Cheshire, moved house and the new occupant found sacks of mail in an outhouse, the loft and under floorboards, Warrington crown court was told. When police went to Porter's new home they found more mail in a van he had hired to move his furniture.

Francis Chamberlain, for the prosecution, said Porter was the village postman at Cronton, near Widnes, for two years before he started committing the offences. His motive seemed to be laziness.

Legal challenge

Alison Halford, aged 50, assistant chief constable of Merseyside (above), is to seek a judicial review in the High Court to quash her suspension on disciplinary charges.

Murder charge

Michael Syrett, aged 39, of Ruislip, and David Charrington, aged 30, of Slough, were remanded in custody yesterday charged with murdering David Miller on a fishing trip at Iver, Buckinghamshire. Two teenagers also charged were given bail.

Moore stolen

A Henry Moore bronze worth £60,000 has been stolen from a dealer's house near Andover, Hampshire. The 5¾in statue of a mother and child is one of an edition of ten.

Prison escape

Two inmates were on the run from Dartmoor prison yesterday after stealing a prison Land-Rover while working on the prison farm.

Powers that be

The Republic of Ireland is threatened with power cuts from today because of a strike by 1,000 power workers.

Ramblers try to thwart golf plan

By PETER DAVENPORT

RAMBLERS are asking the environment secretary to revoke planning permission for a golf course in the Yorkshire Dales national park, which they say will surburbanise one of the most beautiful valleys in the country.

The Yorkshire Dales national park committee has granted permission for the £500,000 nine-hole course, with a clubhouse and car park, at Catholes in Dentdale, near Sedbergh, Cumbria. Park officials say that the golf course will be a low-key development for use primarily by local people and is part of a farm diversification plan.

The Ramblers' Association argues that the golf course will alter the landscape, removing traditional features such as drystone walls. In a letter to Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, Alan Mattingly, the association's director, says: "It would, in short, suburbanise an upland landscape — a landscape for which the Yorkshire Dales was designated a national park and for which it is world famous." He adds that the plan would cause lasting damage to the fabric of the park, in defiance of a recommendation from the recent report of the National Parks Review Panel.

The ramblers fear that the golf course will be followed by plans to expand it, and say that the decision to grant planning permission was taken without a public enquiry or consultation with conservation and wildlife groups.

Peter Watson, the principal planning officer for the Yorkshire Dales, said yesterday that the national park committee had decided to grant planning consent subject to the developers, two farmers who own the land, signing an agreement restricting expansion of the golf club. It was intended that the new course would replace Sedbergh golf course, which was closing. The planning permission would come into force once the agreement had been signed.

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Britain treads softly in new approach to social charter

By Nicholas Wood and Ross Tieman

FRESH evidence of Britain's more conciliatory approach to Europe emerged yesterday when Michael Howard, the employment secretary, softened the rhetoric of government opposition to the social charter.

Mr Howard underlined the more constructive approach towards Brussels being taken by ministers under John Major's leadership by putting forward alternatives to the Brussels blueprint for employee participation in company decision-making rather than rejecting them.

A draft directive from the

EUROPE

European Commission envisages a mandatory Community-wide network of works councils creating formal machinery for consultation between managers and workers.

Mr Howard made clear that Britain remains opposed to such a blanket solution, arguing that it would amount to the imposition of a legal straitjacket. The directive was fundamentally flawed because it equated employee involvement with formal machinery to allow employee representatives to participate in the strategic decision-making of firms.

However, the government shared the objective of *strengthening employee* involvement in industry and he would be tabling alternative ideas at a meeting of EC social affairs ministers next month. The employment secretary's move at a conference in London jointly organised by the government and the CBI comes after his efforts earlier this year to persuade Vasso Papandreou, the EC social affairs commissioner, to speed implementation of the social *charter by concentrating on* those parts of it commanding general assent.

Mr Howard is engaged in the politically delicate task of retreating from the fierce language adopted by Margaret Thatcher in her resistance to Brussels' ambitions while sticking to much the same policies. Brussels officials are likely to view his latest venture as little more than a cosmetic exercise.

Mr Howard urged his fellow employment ministers to support a publicity campaign promoting employee participation in companies instead of the commission's uniform approach. He said that any EC recommendation should aim to generate the commitment of all employees to the success of the business in which they worked. It should enable the business to adapt to changing market requirements and improve its prospects. It should also endeavour to increase the satisfaction employees get from their work and improve performance by drawing on the skills of all employees.

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Cash aid for costs of war

Cash contributions paid or pledged to Britain towards the cost of the Gulf war are £660 million from Kuwait, £565 million from Saudi Arabia, £275 million from Germany, £250 million from the United Arab Emirates, £183 million from Japan, £15 million from Belgium, £15 million from Hong Kong, and £8 million from Denmark. The figures were given in a written reply from Douglas Hogg, Foreign Office minister of state.

He added that assistance in kind worth about £150 million had been received from about sixteen countries.

S Africa aid 'premature'

Peter Hain, the anti-apartheid activist and new Labour MP for Neath, said at question time that it was "highly premature" to talk about more aid for South Africa while violence in the townships continued. South Africans did not have the vote and prisons were filled with political prisoners.

Lynda Chalker, overseas aid minister, had said that Britain's aid to black South Africans would rise steadily *to more than £10* million in 1992-3.

Lambeth debt

Latest figures indicate that Lambeth council in south London is owed £28.9 million in rents, £28 million in domestic rates and £13.7 million in business rates, Robert Key, enviroment under-secretary, said in a Commons written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Education and science; prime minister. Ports bill, remaining stages. Lords (2.30): Criminal justice bill, committee, fifth day.

TED BATH

Final touches: Angela Conner, the sculptor, giving last-minute attention to her figure of Lord Butler of Saffron Walden, which goes on display at the House of Commons tonight (Paul Wilkinson writes). The bronze of "Rab" Butler, as he was better known during his days as a *Conservative minister in the Fifties* and Sixties, will be the latest addition to the Commons display of portraits and busts of leading public figures in the lower waiting hall of the Palace of Westminster when it is unveiled by his former cabinet colleague, Enoch Powell. "We are delighted to have one of the most influential political figures of the *second half of the twentieth century* joining our collection", Patrick Cormack, chairman of the Commons works of art committee, said. The sculpture was commissioned by Lord Butler's family as a gift to the House. Ms Conner said: "I spoke to his family as much as possible to get to know as much as I could. I was intrigued by the man himself, not *just the way he looked. I think I* would have liked him."

Firms would be forced to give pollution facts

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

ENVIRONMENT

PLANS to force companies to make public full information *about any pollution they cause* were outlined by the Labour leadership yesterday.

Ann Taylor, shadow environmental protection minister, pledged in London that a Labour government would end the secrecy that had been "the hallmark of government and industry". Asserting that industry was over-protected by claims of commercial confidentiality, Mrs Taylor said: "We will require industry to provide full information about all releases to the environment, including accidental releases through spills and leakages. We will change the onus, from the present right that industry has to keep information secret, to a citizen's right to know."

Labour says that the public is not given enough information about toxic waste dumps, drinking water quality, contaminated land, industrial pollution, food contamination, bathing water pollution, air and river water, and the environmental impact of goods bought in the shops.

In a policy document, *Coming Clean on the Environment*, Labour amplifies its plans for a network of local environmental protection offices to give information on all environmental worries. Pollution control officers would give information or handle complaints on air and water pollution, waste dumps, planning, transport, noise and nuisance, factory emissions, waste collection, drinking water and food standards.

Giving further details on how Labour's proposed environment protection executive would work, the document promises a national inventory of toxic waste with details of its chemcial components and possible effects on health and the environment. There would be "audit trails" of toxic waste, with a national database giving information about where waste originates and what it contains at each stage of treatment through to disposal. Industry would be required to provide summary information of all waste emissions to be held on the national database.

The paper promises that Labour will require all water companies to provide details of drinking water quality, compliance with European standards and details of plans for improvement.

Mrs Taylor said that secrecy had often made it difficult to assess the facts about pollution. Lack of information could make it impossible to assess where a true risk had arisen. Assurances were often given that all was well without any understanding of the concerns people had. "The sort of bland assurances that have been given about drinking water quality, when there clearly are problems in some areas, makes people question all the claims that ministers and the industry make."

She said that, given the scale of pollution, it was legitimate to ask industry to provide comprehensive information. "The European Community is moving in this direction. So far the British government has paid lip service to the concept of access to information ... the government has not supported bringing all EC members up to the standards of the best."

Jail failed to care for prisoner

A PRISONER who committed suicide at Brixton prison last year had not been given the care he needed, Earl Ferrers, Home Office minister, said during questions in the Lords last night about the death of Edward Robinson, aged 28, of Holloway, north London, who had been arrested for brandishing a knife at a policeman.

"I greatly regret that in this case, mistakes were made which meant that a vulnerable man did not receive the care he needed."

Lord Harris of Greenwich (Lib Dem) said that Mr Robinson was known to suffer from paranoid psychosis. "If he had been in a mental hospital he would probably have been alive today."

MP demands 'overseer' for undertakers

FUNERAL FIRMS

THE professional charges levied by funeral directors were a "rip-off", MPs were told yesterday. Lawrence Cunliffe, Labour MP for Leigh, who for many years has campaigned against high charges for funerals, called for an enquiry into the industry and for legislation establishing a council to control the way it was run.

The industry was worth between £250 million and £270 million a year with a further £100 million spent on ancillary items such as flowers and the cost of services.

Mr Cunliffe, opening a backbench debate, told MPs that as part of his research he had spent time working with coffin makers and in funeral parlours. Coffins being sold by manufacturers for £19 or £20 were being retailed by funeral companies for £150 or more. There were mark-ups of between 400 and 500 per cent. The average funeral company reckoned that a funeral involved it in 40 hours of work for which it charged £350.

Prices had increased markedly in recent years as smaller, local undertakers had been taken over by big firms, although the big firms kept the names of the smaller companies to indicate that they were still local concerns. He cited the case of a woman who had found that the cost of the funeral of her mother was £108 more than that of her father who had died only a few weeks before. She found that between the two funerals the company had been taken over and prices raised.

Roger Knapman, Tory MP for Stroud, said that on average 1,200 families among his 90,000 constituents suffered a bereavement each year. Constituents had sent him letters about tropical forests, Wales, battery hens and almost every other subject but never on undertakers' charges. Mr Cunliffe's proposals would strangle the funeral industry in a mass of red tape.

Tory hopes rest on new tax

By Kerry Gill

SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH Conservatives, preparing for what will almost certainly be their last party conference before a general election, are banking on the new "council" tax to improve their fortunes and provide them with more parliamentary seats.

With only ten seats held by the Tories, Scots' acceptance *of the tax is ess*ential to avoid a humiliating performance similar to that of June 1987 when the party lost 11 of its 21 seats. Michael Hirst, the party's Scottish president, described the proposed new tax as a clarion call that would revive party fortunes.

"Selling" a council tax, levied on a property basis, will be difficult. The Tories announced their conference agenda in Edinburgh yesterday and it contained much disquiet over what many associations see as a return to the rating system. Other motions called for the retention of the poll tax.

Mr Hirst and Lord Sanderson of Bowden, Scottish party chairman, agreed that there was opposition to a property-based tax, although they said that when details of the council tax were understood it would be accepted. The Tories have two weeks in which to persuade the rank and file that a council tax is a great improvement on the poll tax; otherwise, the conference, which starts on May 8, could be marred by schism as grassroots activists rebel against the leadership. The local government debate will be answered by Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary.

Mr Hirst promised that the new tax would not be a return to the rates as they were "known and loathed". Rating revaluation in Scotland six years ago left the electorate disillusioned with the Tories — Mr Hirst lost his Commons seat, possibly as a result.

Peers' self-confidence is fading

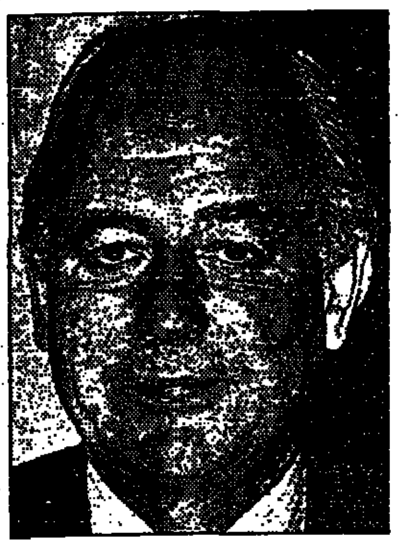
By Sheila Gunn, Political Correspondent

LORD Whitelaw had a useful knack: as deputy prime minister and leader of the Lords he could convince his fellow cabinet ministers and his fellow peers simultaneously that he was fighting on their side.

True, Margaret Thatcher had contempt for the upper House and used to stamp her foot whenever it challenged yet another of her prized policies. But when convinced that the Lords had a strong case, Lord Whitelaw usually wheedled a concession out of her.

Since his days, the influence of the Lords has crumpled to the point where every key decision that conflicts with the elected chamber is jeered at openly by ministers and reversed in the Commons. Only the minor amendments made after hours of scrutinising badly drafted legislation are accepted.

What demoralises the peers more than anything *is not* that they are treated as an anachronistic joke. Rather, it is having their more considered and well argued decisions ignored. This disdain for the Lords' arguments comes, oddly, as the Conservatives have quietly gained an overall majority in the upper House, even counting Independent crossbenchers with the other political parties. All big rebellions in recent years have been Tory-backed, with the Opposition parties merely making up the numbers against the government.



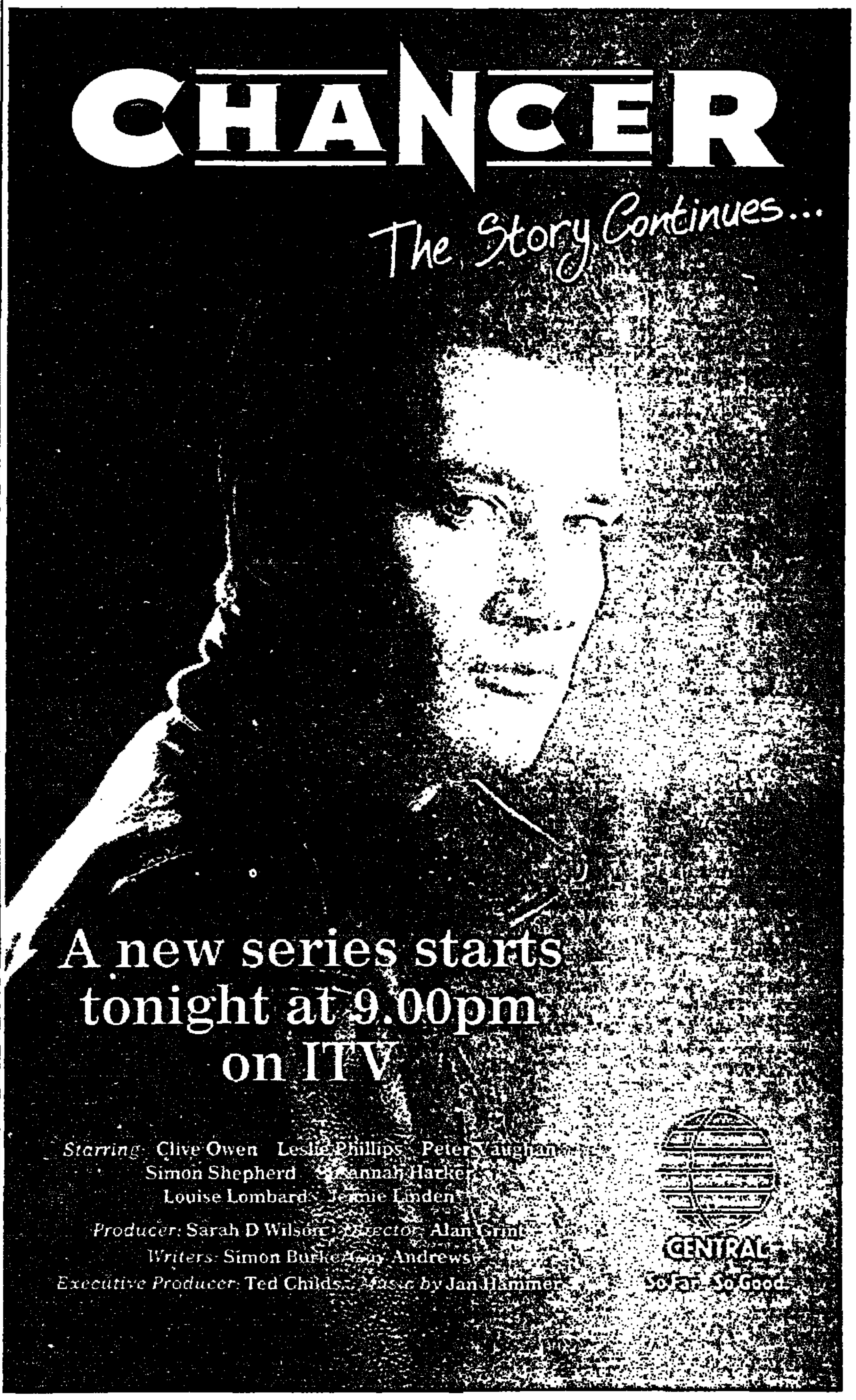
Lord Waddington: soon decided that something was wrong

After becoming leader of the Lords last November, Lord Waddington detected something wrong. His initial feeling was frustration at the quality of answers given by most of his frontbench team. Although he will carry out a reshuffle this summer, the problem is caused as much by civil servants drafting ministerial briefs that they would never get away with in the Commons.

If the Lords as constituted has any justification in a democracy it is surely to examine the implications of legislation, looking beyond the next polling day. The peers, for example, said that administration and non-payment would make the poll tax unworkable.

This session, tension is centering on the Lords vote to abolish the mandatory life sentence for murder and the return of the war crimes bill. Ministers are threatening to overturn last week's 98-vote Lords majority for abolition. They are also prepared to use the parliament acts to push through the war crimes bill. In both cases, the government talks of the need to send the right signal to the public, whereas peers dislike using legislation as a publicity steamroller.

The vote on the life sentence was a classic instance of recent government defeats. The amendment was cross-party, heavily supported by Tory and Independent peers and illustrated a subject the peers had studied deeply. If ministers studied the Lords *Hansard* they would realise that the government lost the abolition vote because Lord Waddington lost the argument.



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So Far So Good

Disease of poverty and bad sanitation stalks Third World

Peru cholera epidemic is running out of control

By NICHOLAS WATT

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Looking to recover: a small boy, one of many thousands of Peruvians who have been treated in hospital as cholera has continued to spead. Patients may be given rehydration therapy and antibiotics

LATIN America's cholera epidemic, which has already killed 1,200 people, is the most serious of many outbreaks of the disease which are hitting areas of the Third World.

In just over two months, 160.000 people have been infected and it has spread to Peru's neighbours. The government has declared a 90-day emergency, which it will probably have to extend, and the school term was delayed by two weeks to allow schools to build adequate lavatories.

However, many schools have been forced to give up building after the money quickly ran out. The epidemic is now spreading out of control as the poor sanitation facilities in the country's shanty towns offer little or no protection against the disease.

It is no surprise that South America's first big outbreak of cholera this century should have struck so quickly in Peru, which is one of the poorest nations on the continent. Its economic performance in the 1980s was a disaster, and the former president, Alan Garcia, alienated the developed world with his refusal to maintain debt repayments. This brought to a halt many development projects usually supported by the Western international financial agencies.

Carlyle Guerra, the head of the Pan-American Health Organisation, has called for an international emergency programme to check the epidemic. He told South American health ministers in Bolivia: "It is almost inevitable that we will have an epidemic of a monstrous nature in Latin America which will be nearly impossible to contain."

He gave a warning that the United Nations alone did not have the resources to fight the epidemic. However, he rejected a request from five South American nations — Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, Venezuela and Ecuador — to create a joint fund to fight the disease, citing a lack of resources.

There are now 3,500 cases of cholera in Ecuador, Peru's northern neighbour, where 59 people have died.

Colombian health officials have reported two deaths and 140 cholera cases so far, mostly from the jungle regions bordering Peru and Brazil. The Colombian government has earmarked $23 million to improve sanitation and health facilities in the affected regions.

The disease is spreading through the Brazilian jungle towns bordering Peru and it could affect up to three million Brazilians

Elsewhere in the world, nearly 400 people have died in southern Bangladesh in the past three weeks and more than 500 people have died in Zambia in the past year in other outbreaks of cholera. The disease has struck at least 30,000 people in Bangladesh since it broke out a month ago.

Kamal Ibne Yusuf, the Bangladeshi health minister, told parliament yesterday that 580 medical teams were working in 59 field hospitals in nine coastal districts.

The epidemic in Zambia has spread to seven out of nine provinces and the World Health Organisation has moved in to helping distribute supplies.

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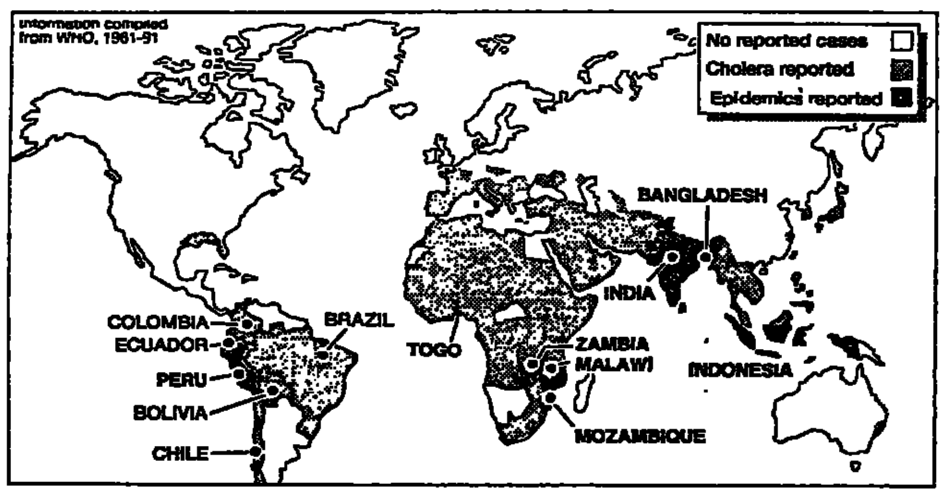

Raw fish linked to outbreak

THE Peruvian cholera epidemic was probably introduced by a local uncooked fish dish, but poor sanitation has allowed it to spread quickly, an expert on infectious diseases said yesterday (Nicholas Watt writes).

Paul Clarke, medical director of the travellers' medical service at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said the fish would have been contaminated by sewage. Poor drainage facilities then allowed the cholera bacteria to contaminate drinking water in the shanty towns. He said that when the water pressure dropped in the mains, diseases in the soil around the pipes quickly seeped in.

Dr Clarke said that *Vibrio cholerae* is a bacterium which infects the bowel and produces a toxin. This paralyses the lining of the gut and prevents the body from absorbing food, water and salts. A victim of cholera then dehydrates very quickly as fluids are drawn into the bowel. This leads to uncontrollable diarrhoea and vomiting. Until about ten years ago, the only treatment was to administer fluids by intravenous drip.

However, the paralysis within the gut can now be treated by giving the patient a drink with salt and sugar. But Dr Clarke said that this had to be forced down because the patient would carry on vomiting.

Woman wins foreign portfolio

From JOHN BEST
IN OTTAWA

ONE of the biggest winners in the weekend cabinet reshuffle by Brian Mulroney, the Canadian prime minister, was Barbara McDougall, aged 53, an MP from Toronto, who was named external affairs minister.

Ms McDougall, who had been minister of employment and immigration, takes over from Joe Clark, who becomes minister of constitutional affairs, charged with trying to resolve Canada's deepening national unity problems, which are rooted in the separatist threat by the French-speaking Quebec province.

Ms McDougall, a former financial journalist and securities company executive, has been in the cabinet since the Conservatives, under Mr Mulroney, took office in 1984. She held a succession of junior posts before assuming the employment and immigration portfolio in 1988.

Ms McDougall's experience of foreign affairs is almost non-existent. As a neophyte, she is expected to be more likely to keep to the lines laid down by Mr Mulroney than Mr Clark did. Mr Clark, a former prime minister, had frequent public disagreements with Mr Mulroney.

Ms McDougall is Canada's second female external affairs minister. The first was Flora MacDonald, also a Conservative, who held the post for a short period in 1979 and early 1980.

McDougall: is expected to toe the Mulroney line

Tamils lose 950 men in month

Colombo — More than 1,000 Tamil separatist guerrillas, government troops and civilians have been killed in Sri Lanka's worst month of ethnic violence, military sources said

At least 950 rebels and 166 government security men were killed in fierce battles, and, according to the sources, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam guerrillas, frustrated by large-scale losses, were now turning their guns on civilians.

In the latest attack at Neadella village in eastern Moneragala district, rebels shot and hacked to death 22 Sinhalese civilians.

In the worst previous attacks, rebels killed 17 villagers on April 14 and 11 fishermen on April 3. "The terrorists are going after civilians because they are getting beaten elsewhere," a senior military officer said. A spokesman for the Tigers, who are fighting for a separate state in the north and east for the island's 2.5 million minority Tamil community, was not available for comment.

Military sources said the highest casualty toll for the rebels in the past month was in fighting in Mannar district on the northwest coast. At least 660 had been killed there. *(Reuter)*

Opening the door, page 14

Kashmir demand

Jammu — Foreigners, mostly tourists, have been asked to leave Kashmir by Indian intelligence agencies citing security fears in the strife-torn northern state, where Muslim militants kidnapped two Swedish engineers three weeks ago. Security officers were still trying to trace the men, who were working in Uri district. *(AFP)*

Dictator dies

Moscow — Yumjaagiyn Tsedenbal, the dictator of Mongolia for 32 years until he fell from grace in 1984, has died in exile in Moscow, aged 74. While in Moscow, he was expelled from the communist party. *(Reuter)*

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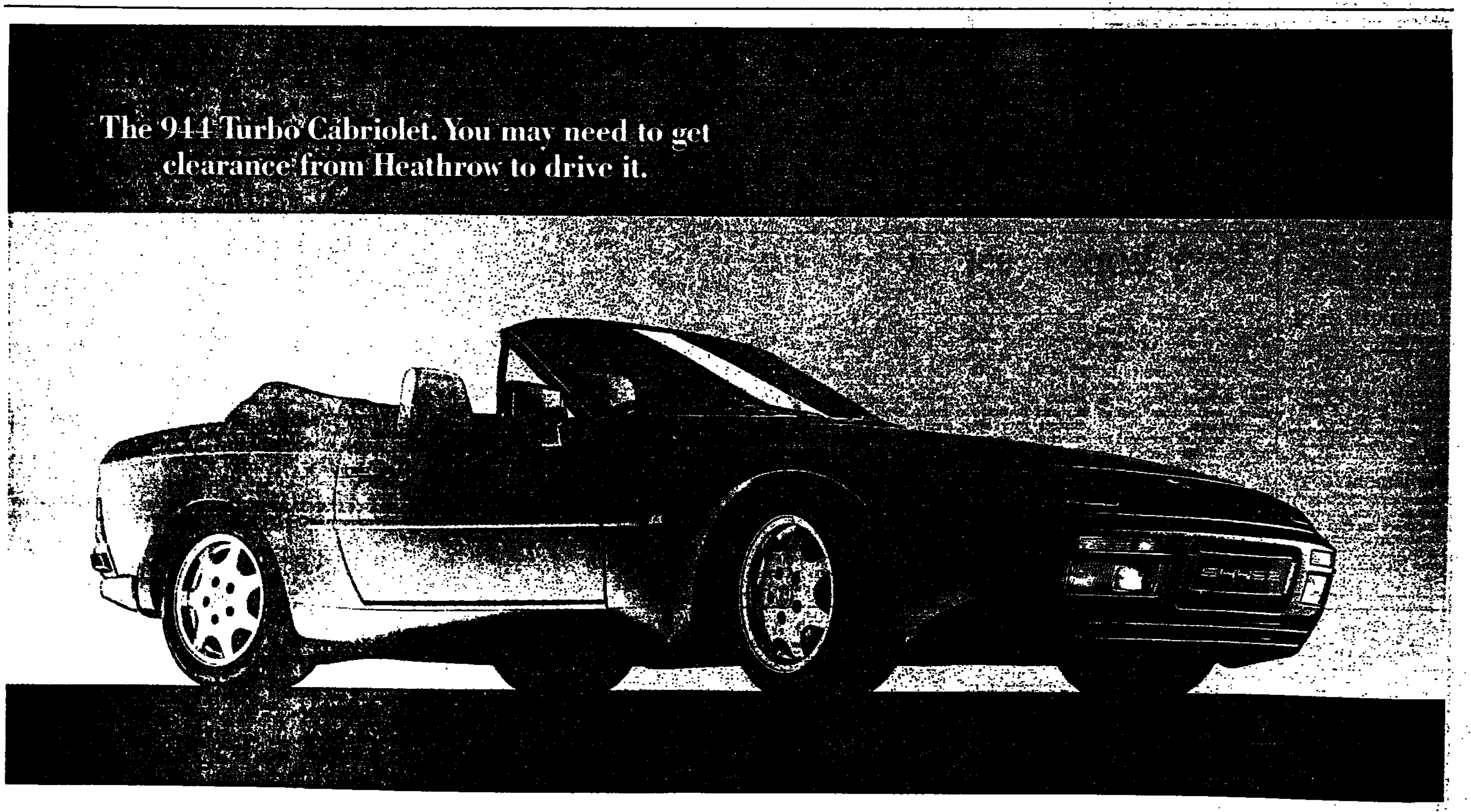
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By MICHAEL EVANS

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By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

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General Vladimirov, a former tank commander and now responsible for Soviet forces in Vietnam, gave warning of a potential explosion in the army within a year to 18 months, according to Elaine Holoboff, author of the report written for the Centre for Defence Studies at King's College, London university.

The increasing evidence of revolt in the armed forces was a reflection of the breakdown in the economy and political system, Ms Holoboff said. Her report concluded: "If the fragmentation between the centre and the republics continues, and if divisions with the armed forces become more accentuated, the search by Gorbachev and the conservatives for stability and control may only succeed in *moving the country closer to* civil war."

The report added: "In this case questions of military reform will become irrelevant as regional armed formations face each other in the battle to redefine statehood." The Soviet political situation was likely to become increasingly unstable, "even if there is an *attempt to reassert control* over the republics through military force".

It now appeared that Mr Gorbachev, "politically isolated in an increasingly weak centre", had carried out the coup d'état feared by so many for so long. Gathering around him the traditional sources of power — the leadership of the armed forces, the KGB, the military-industrial complex, and Communist party — he had "sought to impose order where none exists". The report questioned whether these sources would be sufficient to return stability to a fragmented country. "With state, government, military, and Communist party in disarray, it seems doubtful."

The Military Crisis in the Soviet Union, by Elaine Holoboff, is published by Brassey's at £7.50.

● *TOKYO:* North Korea showed its anger at talks between the Soviet Union and South Korea by publishing a statement yesterday in which it accused President Gorbachev of selling his principles for dollars.

The statement, issued by the official news agency through a front organisation, said the claim by President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea that the talks were conducive to peace and security on the divided peninsula was wrong.

On the contrary, the statement said, "this dirty mendicant diplomacy is a grave act of national division which fosters antagonism and confrontation by getting on the nerves of the North, not bringing closer the South and the North and uniting the nation". *(Reuter)*

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Remembrance day: bereaved relatives of Romanians who died during the December 1989 revolution taking part in a Bucharest rally yesterday to protest against the actions of club-wielding pro-government miners a year ago

Gummer seeks to rein in spending

From Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent
in Luxembourg

EUROPEAN Community agriculture ministers were deadlocked last night over stopping runaway farm spending and mounting stockpiles of surplus food.

John Gummer, the agriculture minister, appeared to have the firm support of only one other member state, The Netherlands, in resisting pressure to increase spending beyond a supposedly binding ceiling agreed by heads of government in 1988.

"We have got to come to the crunch on the budget," Mr Gummer said. "That is why we are taking a very tough position indeed. Any relaxation now would send very harmful signals to our trading partners and to our own farmers."

The farm ministers, at the end of March, and finance ministers last week failed to make any progress on the dispute, which threatens to repeat the damaging wrangles of the early 1980s over Britain's budget contribution.

Anger at Sofia list of police spies

From Tim Judah
in Sofia

BULGARIAN opposition deputies were outraged yesterday after the publication of a list of MPs alleged to have been secret police informers before the collapse of communism in 1989. Of the 32 names on the list, 17 are deputies for the opposition Union of Democratic Forces, and five from the Socialist party, formerly the Communists. The list was printed in the newspaper *Fax* which leans towards the Socialists.

Vladimir Philipov, a senior opposition adviser, said: "This is not the real list, it's a communist manipulation." Petar Beron, the UDF leader, was forced to resign last November after it was revealed that he had been a secret police informer.

Reflecting a widely-held opposition view, Mr Philipov said: "The ministry of the interior had a year to sift the files and transfer documents ... one thing is for sure, they won't give us the names of people who are still informing."

Embattled Kohl faces party coup

From Ian Murray in Bonn

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Instead, the SPD emerged as easily the largest party in the state parliament and will be able to dictate terms to potential coalition partners. The Greens have already said they are prepared to serve under SPD leadership, but Rudolf Scharping, the new prime minister, would rather form a coalition with the liberal Free Democrats (FDP), junior partners of the CDU in the national government.

The FDP leader in the state, Hans-Hermann Dieckvoss, said yesterday that he was interested, if only to keep the Greens out of power. If the FDP decides to join the SPD, a precedent would be set for a national coalition.

The CDU now only holds Baden-Württemberg in the west and the chancellor's power base therefore lies in the four east German states with CDU governments, where CDU support is also crumbling fast.

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A hell, a haven: the squalor around Kurdish refugee tents, scattered among the mud and trees at Isikveren, in Turkey, contrasts with the order of a camp being set up yesterday by US Marines at Zakho, in Iraq

How thousands of refugees have lived on the brink

THE camps now being constructed for Kurdish refugees in northern Iraq by the Western coalition are so superior to those in Turkey and Iran that there is a danger they may become permanent, writes **Hazhir Teimourian**

IT IS emerging that the refugee camps in Turkey, Iran and Iraq are being organised by the Kurds as well as the relief groups.

ALLIED CAMPS

Little is known at present of the allies' intentions regarding the enclaves of safety they plan to construct for the Iraqi Kurdish refugees. The building of the first of the camps has been started near Zakho, on the international highway from Turkey into Iraq. It is expected to house some 100,000 people. Zakho is to be the administrative centre of the relief operation, and will, presumably, be thrown open to its own former inhabitants.

Traditional Kurdish social patterns are reasserting themselves and the allies will be keen to take into account that village elders, tribal chiefs and guerrilla commanders already show signs of taking charge of the distribution of food, sanitation and law and order.

American sources have said that a strip of territory, some 30 miles wide, will be cleared of Iraqi military presence to provide refugees with a sense of security. The Kurds say they want the strip to be widened to include all their cities, and to stretch along the border of Iraqi Kurdistan with Iran. In this way, they say, the bulk of the population of Iraqi Kurdistan might be expelled into the strip by the Iraqi government in order to replace them with Arab settlers. Such a policy would also allow the Kurds to resume a semblance of normal lives, with minimised maintenance costs to the outside world. But whatever shape the evolving allied policy takes, the deployment of American, British and French troops in the region seems to be an open-ended one. "I think the troops are stuck there for as long as Saddam Hussein stays in power", said John Foran, director of International Medical Relief, a charity set up for the medical care of victims of upheavals abroad.

In the past, say relief workers, Turkey has set out to make its Kurdish refugee camps virtual prisons designed to persaude them not to stay.

TURKEY

Before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on August 2 last year, there were thought to be some 30,000 Iraqi Kurdish refugees at three camps in the Kurdish provinces of south-eastern Turkey. They remain near the town of Mardin, adjacent to the border with Syria, which houses some 12,000 people; Diyarbakir, the cultural capital of historic Kurdistan, which contains some 14,000 Kurds; and Mus, further to the north, which houses the remainder in an abandoned army base.

"They are effective prisons", says Dr Foran. "Life was made so intolerable for them that some 60,000 of the original refugees who fled into Turkey from the gas attacks of 1988 went on to seek refuge in Iran or even went back to Iraq."

Citing a military protocol from 1984 that allows only Europeans to seek refuge in Turkey, the government of President Ozal has refused to grant the Kurds from Iraq refugee status, with the consequence that foreign relief organisations have not been permitted to visit the camps. "The German Red Cross were the only foreign relief organisation allowed to provide a limited number of tents for the refugees," said Dr Foran in London yesterday. "But even those were replaced by poor-quality local ones by the Turks."

Food, too, was "often used as a weapon", according to another source. It was very basic, and it was not enough.

"Worse still," said Dr Foran, "was the open co-operation of the Turks with the Iraqi police. They allowed the Iraqis to bring the frightened families of the refugees into the camps to plead with their relatives to go back to Iraq. Some did go back and they have never been seen since."

At the start of the recent Gulf conflict, Turkey sealed the camps to all outside contacts, saying that the need to prevent Iraqi sabotage required such a measure. More recently, there are reports that inmates' food rations have been improved.

Observers of Turkish politics believe that the government's overriding consideration in its treatment of the Iraqi Kurds — including its present refusal to allow the latest fugitives to come down from the mountains into Turkish territory — is fear of the effect that the Kurds of Iraq might have on further arousing the national aspirations of millions of Kurds inhabiting "Northern Kurdistan", the banned Kurdish name of the south-eastern provinces of Turkey. Some 2,500 people, nearly half of them security personnel, have died in a guerrilla war in clashes with Kurdish nationalist guerrillas in the south-east since 1984.

While, in his desire to promote a democratic image for Turkey President Ozal has shown signs of enlightenment by, for example, his recent lifting of the ban on the private use of the Kurdish language among citizens, his government's Kurdish policy is largely formulated by the National Security Council, a body in the grip of the military.

The Iranians, who have allowed the refugees to settle among relatives in Iranian Kurdistan, have had few resources to make available to them. As a consequence, Iranian refugee camps, though not surrounded with barbed wire and watch towers, remain harsh and hopeless places.

IRAN

Over Turkey's eastern border with Iran, some 250,000 Iraqi Kurds were said to be in refugee camps there before the Iraqi gas attack on the Kurdish city of Halabja in March 1988, their numbers swelling by some 100,000 more soon afterwards. More recently, an estimated one million other Iraqi Kurds have chosen Iran as a place of refuge, with some 300,000 more said to be on their way there.

UN RELIEF

First delivery arrives as Kurds talk in Baghdad

From Adam Kelliher in Baghdad

UNITED Nations relief efforts within Iraq gained momentum yesterday, with the first shipments of medicine being dispatched north and co-ordinators plotted the location of scores of stations which they hope will give Kurdish refugees enough confidence to return home.

Elsewhere, the Iraqi government and representatives of Kurdish exile groups apparently continued their talks in Baghdad, but authorities drew a veil over the proceedings, giving no indication of any breakthrough.

Kurdish opposition groups have said the basis of the discussions was an autonomy proposal, dating from March 1970, under which the ethnic minority was promised limited self-rule within Iraq, but the central government would retain control of defence, foreign policy, the issuing of currency and oil. The Kurds spurned the scheme in 1974, and negotiations are reportedly still deadlocked over the Kurdish claim that the proposal does not go far enough. Their earlier objections were over land ownership rights and demands for a percentage of petroleum profits.

The secret negotiations have been under way since contacts were made about ten days ago between the government of President Saddam Hussein and the two main groups, the Democratic Party of Kurdistan and the 42-faction front led by the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan.

Baghdad's team, according to an unofficial source, includes Izzat Ibrahim, vice-president, Tariq Aziz, a deputy prime minister, and Ali Hassan al-Majid, the interior minister and Saddam's cousin who has a reputation for brutality in his handling of earlier Kurdish rebellions and the occupation of Kuwait.

It remained unclear if the political and military adversaries, who have been fighting each other since the 1960s, would be able to reach some accommodation to coincide with international relief efforts to lure home the millions of Kurds huddled in Turkey and Iran.

Gianni Murzi, the representative for Unicef (the UN children's organisation) in Iraq, said two lorry-loads bearing 40 tons of medicine and fluid would be sent to the north early today, the UN's first relief delivery within Iraq since the calamity began.

IRAQ

Shias hit out at 'betrayal'

From Michael Theodoulou in Nicosia

DIFFERENCES between opposition groups in Iraq emerged yesterday as Kurdish rebel leaders, enticed to Baghdad with promises of autonomy, entered a third day of talks with government officials and Shia leaders vowed they would have nothing to do with an "executioner".

Kurdish spokesmen said President Saddam Hussein had made an offer too attractive not to consider. It includes an expanded version of a 1970 autonomy agreement, Kurdish involvement in all Iraq's decision-making bodies, free elections and a new constitution. But there was no indication yesterday the talks were making any progress.

The talks have angered Shia groups who say they violate the charter of the Iraqi Joint National Action Committee, an alliance of 17 opposition groups, formed in Damascus last December, pledging to overthrow Saddam.

The Shias see the talks as a betrayal of the thousands who have died in the uprising. "There should be no bargaining with executioner Saddam," said a spokesman.

TURKISH-IRAQI BORDER

Clans system begins to beat mob rush for food

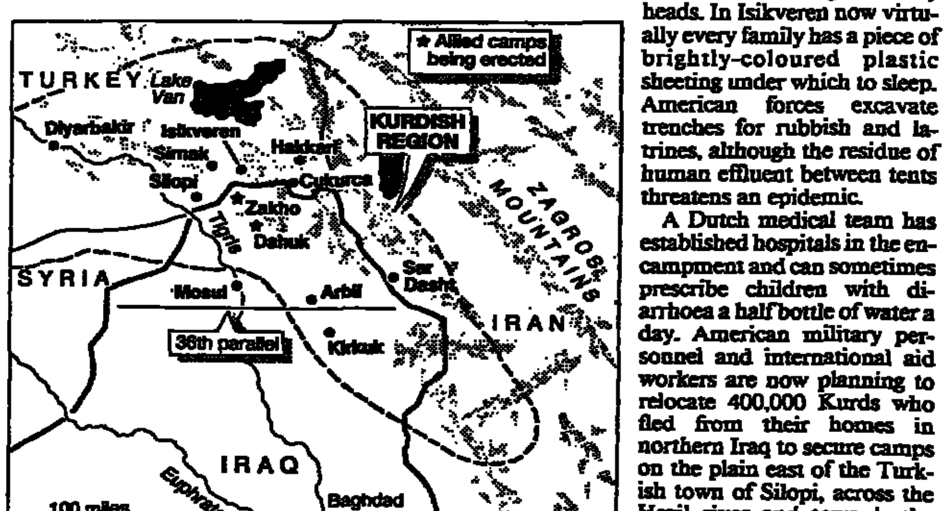
From Andrew Finkel in Diyarbakir

AT UZUMLU on Turkey's border with Iraq a sharp bend in the dirt road where food lorries have to reverse before they can get round become a strategic spot for ambushes by hungry bands of refugees. A week ago in Uzumlu rival gangs of Kurdish youths brandished blades in a fight over 1,000 pairs of plastic shoes.

When Mrs Lynda Chalker, the British minister for overseas development, visited this mountainous region last week she was concerned how the refugees would organise themselves. The mob scenes when her helicopter delivering food and medicines arrived at the top of Isikveren camp were described as "frightening".

The largest of the Isikveren encampments is a rectangular field of dirt not all that different from a football pitch. Like a particularly angry Saturday afternoon match, it is ringed by refugee "trustees". They are armed with sticks to keep spectators away from the action, the arrival of helicopters. The food is taken away sometimes by tractors, sometimes by gangs of youths. The assumption is that supplies are distributed according to tribal allegiance through the intermediary of clan leaders and then through family heads. In Isikveren now virtually every family has a piece of brightly-coloured plastic sheeting under which to sleep. American forces excavate trenches for rubbish and latrines, although the residue of human effluent between tents threatens an epidemic.

A Dutch medical team has established hospitals in the encampment and can sometimes prescribe children with diarrhoea a half bottle of water a day. American military personnel and international aid workers are now planning to relocate 400,000 Kurds who fled from their homes in northern Iraq to secure camps on the plain east of the Turkish town of Silopi, across the Hezil river and towards the Iraqi city of Zahke.



Saddam in control envoy says

New York — Eric Suy, a United Nations envoy who has just returned from Baghdad said yesterday President Saddam Hussein remained firmly in control of Iraq (James Bone writes). The Belgian diplomat who toured Iraq to report on the Kurdish plight, said Saddam's power "looks to be well in place in all Iraqi cities".

His remarks on Belgian radio bear out the Central Intelligence Agency's recent assessment that Saddam remains in charge despite the rebellions in the Kurdish north and Shia south of Iraq.

UK effort

London — Douglas Hogg, the junior minister at the Foreign Office, yesterday met a group of Iraqi opposition leaders to discuss British commitment to the establishment of safe havens. The meeting took place on the eve of talks in Geneva where he will urge the UN to make greater efforts to co-ordinate the relief effort.

Tokyo flotilla

Tokyo — The Japanese government has agreed in principle to send minesweepers to the Gulf, a plan which if realised, will be the first ever overseas operation of Japanese naval vessels since the second world war.

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CYPRUS

Denktas offer boosts hopes of deal

By David Watts, Diplomatic Correspondent

HOPES for a Cyprus settlement are rising as Greeks and Turks look for endorsement of their causes in the new era of respect for international rule of law engendered by the war to liberate Kuwait.

Spurred on by a meeting with James Baker, the American Secretary of State, the Turkish Cypriot president, Rauf Denktas, is offering a goodwill gesture to restore momentum to the search for a solution to the island's festering problems. Allied to this new American interest and the feeling that an increasingly confident Turkey might feel strong enough to make a gesture is the declared intent of the United Nations secretary-general, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, to find a solution to Cypriot problems by the end of his term of office this year.

In return for a re-examination of the embargoes placed on Turkish ports and airports in the north, Mr Denktas suggests that Turks and Greeks should set up a joint company to revive Varosha, the Greek quarter of the once lively tourist town of Famagusta. Today Varosha is a ghost town where empty hotels stand as a stark reminder of the effect of the confrontation.

In London on his way back from Washington, Mr Denktas also called for a military freeze on the island and accused the Greeks of a substantial military build-up since 1989. There are about 29,500 Turkish troops in the north of the island and some 11,000 Greek national guards in the south.

Also in the Turkish package on offer are a non-aggression pact and a gradual breaking down of travel restrictions between the two halves of the divided island.

But if Mr Denktas was encouraged by his first meeting at such a high level with the American administration he is less than pleased that Britain is not taking a more active role as one of the island's guarantor powers. "Apparently it's a question of timing," said a Turkish Cypriot diplomat. "What do they mean by that, I don't know. This was their chance."

Mr Denktas said: "Maybe Mr Baker saw me because of Mr Ozal (the Turkish president) but it's also to give a message that equality is now being recognized. It is a shift in recognition of the problem and it recognizes UN Resolution No 649 as the solution."

Resolution 649 calls for the two sides to establish a draft outline agreement and ultimately to set up a bi-communal federation.

Denktas: suggestion of joint tourism venture

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BAKER MISSION

Extremists urge Shamir never to give ground

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI right-wing extremists yesterday put pressure on the country's leadership not to make any concessions to James Baker, the American Secretary of State, when he arrives in Jersualem tonight.

Mr Baker, who left Israel on Saturday, returns for what could be decisive talks with Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, David Levy, the foreign minister, and Moshe Arens, the defence minister. In particular, the visiting Secretary of State is expected to brief the Israeli leadership on the outcome of his shuttle diplomacy through the Arab world over the past four days and to receive Israel's response to his requests that the leadership shows more flexibility in its approach to negotiating with its Arab neighbours and the Palestinians.

Yesterday, anticipating a compromise, members of Mr Shamir's Likud party and some coalition partners called on him not to go back on his refusal to return territory occupied in the 1967 six-day war.

In addition, the right-wing members of the Knesset asked the government to increase its support for Jewish settlers on the West Bank, whose controversial opening of a new settlement last week caused Mr Baker acute embarrassment and anger.

Yesterday, the extremist settlers' movement, Gush Emunim, confirmed reports that it is preparing to open two additional sites on the West Bank, for which it has already received government approval. "What we do with our settlements has nothing to do with Mr Baker or anyone else," said the organisation's spokesman, Noam Arnon.

Although political analysts believe that the right-wing does not pose a big threat to Mr Shamir's leadership, not least because of his own sound right-wing credentials, they nonetheless do not discount the damaging impact that these sabotage tactics could have on Mr Baker's initiative, particularly in his attempt to win Arab support and confidence for his plan to hold a regional peace conference.

Yesterday two Palestinian gunmen were killed in a shootout with border troops inside Israel, the defence force said.

De Klerk seeks help from Major

PRESIDENT de Klerk of South Africa was due to meet John Major last night over a working dinner (David Watts writes). He was expected to urge the prime minister to try to persuade the American Congress and administration of the real progress in the dismantling of apartheid.

Mr Major is likely to praise South Africa's efforts in that direction so far and encourage further movement. President de Klerk finds a ready ally in Mr Major in his attempts to have full sporting links restored between South Africa and the rest of the world in time for the Madrid Olympics next year.

● **JOHANNESBURG:** The African National Congress and Johannesburg city council are trading insults over plans to bestow the freedom of South Africa's largest city on Margaret Thatcher to thank her for years of opposition to full-scale economic sanctions (Ray Kennedy writes). Ronnie Mamoepa, an ANC spokesman, said his organisation would disrupt her visit: "Mrs Thatcher supported the regime and stifled our attempts to isolate it, while our children, mothers, brothers and sisters were being maimed and killed by apartheid."

Flic-free zones

Paris — Traffic police have gone on strike in the French provinces, sticking protest leaflets instead of parking tickets on windscreens. Policemen said they would not book petty offenders during the three-day pay protest, but would arrest those responsible for serious offences, such as drunken driving. *(Reuter)*

Desert throng

Niamey — The trial of 44 Tuaregs on state security charges at Kollo, Niger, was postponed when hundreds of students protested that the court was too small. The official news agency did not say if the nomads' trial would move to larger premises. *(AFP)*

KUWAIT

Lights go out on opposition

From JAMIE DETTMER
IN KUWAIT CITY

KUWAIT's royal family yesterday assured James Baker, the American Secretary of State, that human rights abuses in the emirate had ceased. Mr Baker had earlier criticised the Kuwaiti government for violating human rights since liberation.

But as he was speaking at Jedda airport, Kuwaiti government officials prevented the seven main opposition factions in the country from holding a press conference. Officials from the information ministry turned off the lights of the ballroom at the International Hotel yesterday morning and locked out reporters, claiming the room had not been booked.

After Mr Baker's two-hour meeting here with the emir and crown prince, he said he had received assurances about the human rights situation in Kuwait and about the expansion of democracy.

Former minister of prisons behind bars

From REUTER IN BRISBANE

A FORMER prisons minister in the Australian state of Queensland found himself on the other side of the bars yesterday when he was imprisoned for a year for misappropriating expenses.

Geoff Muntz, aged 52, was the fourth member of the now-disgraced government of former premier Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen to be jailed. He was found guilty of 19 counts of misusing nearly $Aus5,000 (£2,300) of ministerial expenses over a four-year period. Judge Frederick McGuire said Muntz's jailing was "the ultimate humiliation and the supreme irony".

Dress rehearsal: Muntz in a tourism promotion

Two more ex-ministers still face trial on similar charges, and Sir Terence Lewis, a former police commissioner, is currently in court over claims that he accepted bribes during a nine-year period.

Muntz's defence argued against a jail sentence on the ground that there were fears for his safety in prison after a local newspaper published a 1987 photograph of him wearing prison stripes and swinging a ball and chain.

The judge criticised the media and agreed the photograph, which was promoting a tourist attraction, ridiculed the former minister. But he said that all who aspired to and attained high office and were responsible for spending public money must ensure "that these monies are expended on public purposes and not diverted to private ends". Muntz was ordered to repay the misappropriated money within six months.

Mothers' choice: Harue Kitamura, with her son, Yutaka, behind her, waving to supporters after her election as Japan's first woman mayor at Ashiya in the southern prefecture of Hyogo. Mrs Kitamura, aged 62, a law graduate, ran as an independent and soundly defeated the incumbent, Koroku Yamamura, aged 69, of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (Joanna Pitman writes). Her campaign was based on increasing the local government education budget. An official at the city's mayoral office said: "Mothers' power won the race for Mrs Kitamura."

Shuttle mission to aid Star Wars progress

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRRESPONDENT

THE shuttle, Discovery, is due to blast off today from the Kennedy space centre on one of its most complicated missions. It will carry a battery of intricate experiments to support research into America's Strategic Defence Initiative.

During the eight-day programme instruments will study rocket exhausts and fuels against the shifting backdrops of Earth and space. There will also be experiments to help to study the glow of the Earth's atmosphere, seasonal auroral effects and the heat and light patterns which form round the tail of the shuttle as it brushes the upper atmosphere.

The mission is intended to help engineers to design sensors which can be fitted on to spacecraft and ground stations to spot high-flying enemy missiles coming over the horizon.

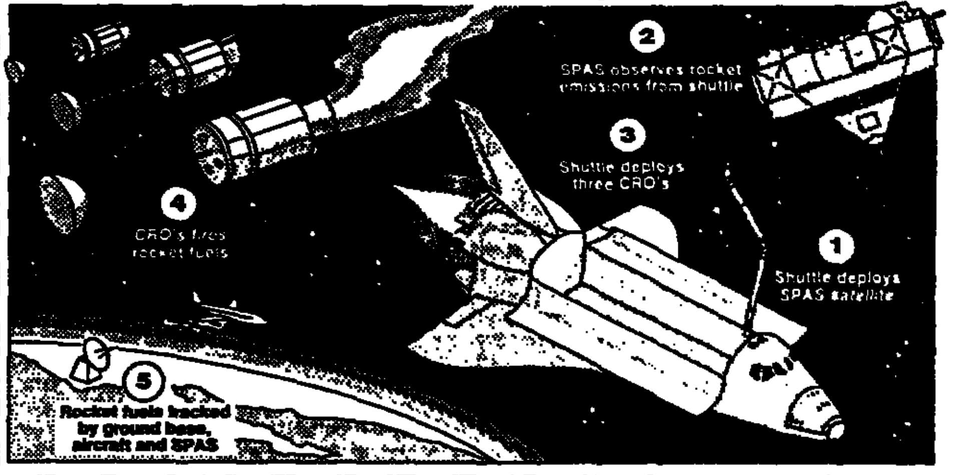
The seven-man crew plan to fire Discovery's rocket motors more than 200 times to mimic those of a ballistic missile. These will be observed by the SPAS-2 satellite, which will be deployed on the second day.

Three mini-satellites, chemical release observation (CRO) craft, will discharge liquid rocket fuels whose vapour clouds will be tracked by the SPAS-2 satellite, aircraft and scientists at Vandenberg air force base in California.

Discovery is set for launch just after lunchtime in Britain.

Weather forecasters issued a warning that conditions were expected to be stormy, which may delay the mission till later in the week.

However, late yesterday conditions improved and last night teams were loading more than half a million gallons of liquid oxygen and hydrogen into Discovery in preparation for lift-off.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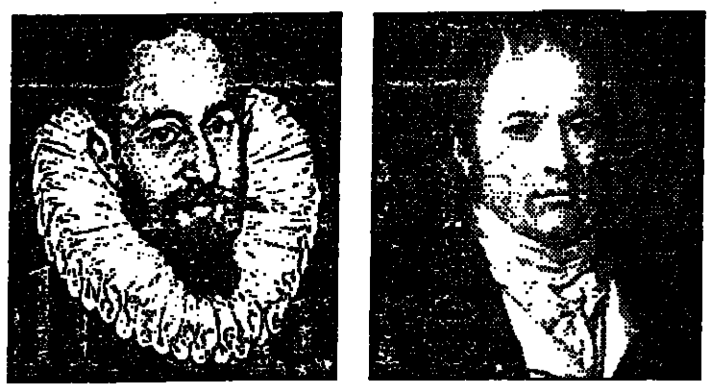
One in the neck for self-expression

Men have always been impulsive when it comes to their neckwear. Dinah Hall looks at one of the few outlets for male individualists

The tie is a ridiculous garment, devoid of function, yet apparently so weighted down with social and cultural significance that it is a wonder the wearer can hold his head up. If anything symbolises the gulf between the sexes, not to mention the classes, it is that piece of fabric knotted so crucially into Windsor or half-Windsor style around the neck. For ties speak a language audible only to men. A woman, confronted by the massed ranks of Jacquard silk in Liberty or Harrods, will head straight for the loudest polka dots, the brightest flowers, the "wittiest" Moschino. Women, confirms the dapper young man in bow tie behind the Liberty counter, generally buy the more spectacular designs. Most of the men who buy their own ties there are in the 25-35 age bracket "who probably got promoted in a Next suit, moved on to Paul Smith and want a tie that will mark them out as different".

Paul Keers, the author of *A Gentleman's Wardrobe* (Weidenfeld) and a former editor of the men's magazine *GQ*, explains the language of neckwear. "Because the tie itself is unnecessary, it is an indication of a lot of things that may not be necessary but which you would like to feel are present in a professional man. You assume, for example, that he is honest and principled. If someone is prepared to make the effort to wear a tie then he is probably prepared to make the effort to behave in a gentlemanly way.


Ancestors of the tie: neckwear from the 16th (left) and 18th centuries

"The tie maintains a certain standard – it becomes a code for other things. When you're wearing a tie every day and everyone around you is wearing one you become very aware of the differences – a bit like school uniform which everyone found their own way to customise. A tie tells you so much about someone – the money they spent on it, where they bought it, what school they went to . . ."

There will, however, always be people who bluff the signals. The social psychologist Guy Fielding – described as the psychological expert on neckwear in a recent book, *The Tie*, by Sarah Gibbings (Studio Editions) – points out: "People are trying to present an image of themselves as the kind of person they want to be, or the kind of person they want to be taken to be." The tie represents the outbreak of personality in the anonymous ranks of suits. "Think of the way people conduct their social lives, performing a balancing act between conforming (wanting to be like everyone else) and differentiating (wanting to be different from everyone else). You've only to watch the 8.45 at Waterloo emptying out large numbers of men who are incredibly conformist in their appearance – the tie offers them their only opportunity to be different."

In the book he speculates that the tie has become a status symbol throughout the world because it shows "that you don't have to do manual work. It's not sensible to wear a tie if you live in a hot climate either, but men still do so. It shows other people that they have occupations where they don't have to sweat and strain."

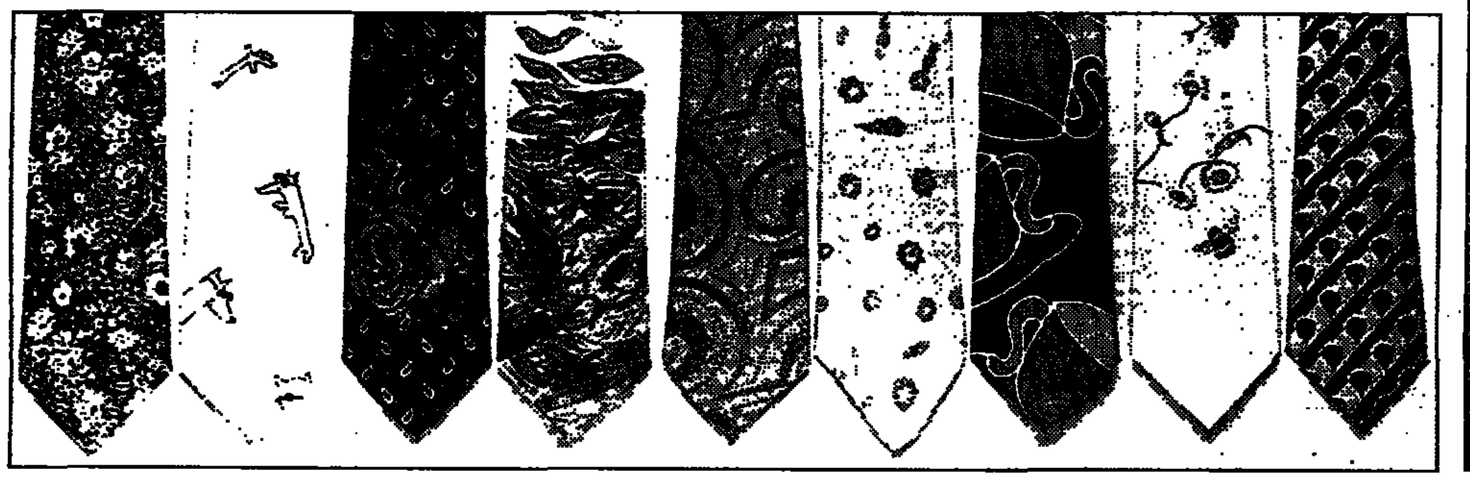
Dr Fielding draws the line, however, at matching designs to psychological profiles, as in the wonderfully nonsensical idea attributed to Freud that men are answering to the call of virility when they choose a paisley tie, because of the pattern's supposed resemblance to sperm. "You might as well say," he says, "that men wear the Harrow tie because the crest bears a similarity to . . . fallopian tubes."

The diagonal stripe, with its association with schools and clubs, is worn by those keen to present a serious, dignified image – Neil Kinnock could be spotted wearing them shortly after he changed from brown to grey suits.

But the diagonal stripe has also been a popular fashion tie recently: so to prove he is wearing a Gieves & Hawkes heavy dusty madder silk (the most expensive tie fabric available) and not polyester, the tie connoisseur will wear his slightly puffed out below the Windsor knot: lighter, cheaper fabrics won't perform like this, they tend to flop straight against the chest.

An exhibition of ties is to be held at Liberty from May 6 to 30, which includes the work of various celebrities who have designed or customised ties to be auctioned next month to raise money for the London Lighthouse, the Aids charity. Contributions vary from an exquisite tie embroidered with daisies and bumble bees by the actress Cheryl Campbell to a quirky "Dogs in Sunglasses" creation by the comedian Alexei Sayle. The exhibition also traces the history of male neckwear from its beginnings in the 16th century as a frothy lace cravat to the "designer" tie of today.

Put in context, the £48 Moschino or Byblos tie does not seem quite so excessive when you learn that James II paid £36 10s for the Venetian lace cravat he wore at his coronation in 1685. Men, it seems, have always been impetuous, irrational creatures when it comes to their neckwear: Samuel Pepys bought an imported lace cravat in 1663, paying about 20 shillings more than he had intended, "but when I came to see them I was resolved to buy one worth wearing with credit".


Anything but dull: Liberty cotton print, £13.95; Alexei Sayle celebrity tie; Kenzo paisley with roses, £39.95; Liam Neeson celebrity tie; Paul Smith swirls, £36; Georgina von Etzdorf seashells, £35; Liberty hand-painted teacups, £35; Cheryl Campbell celebrity tie; Hermès balloons, £56

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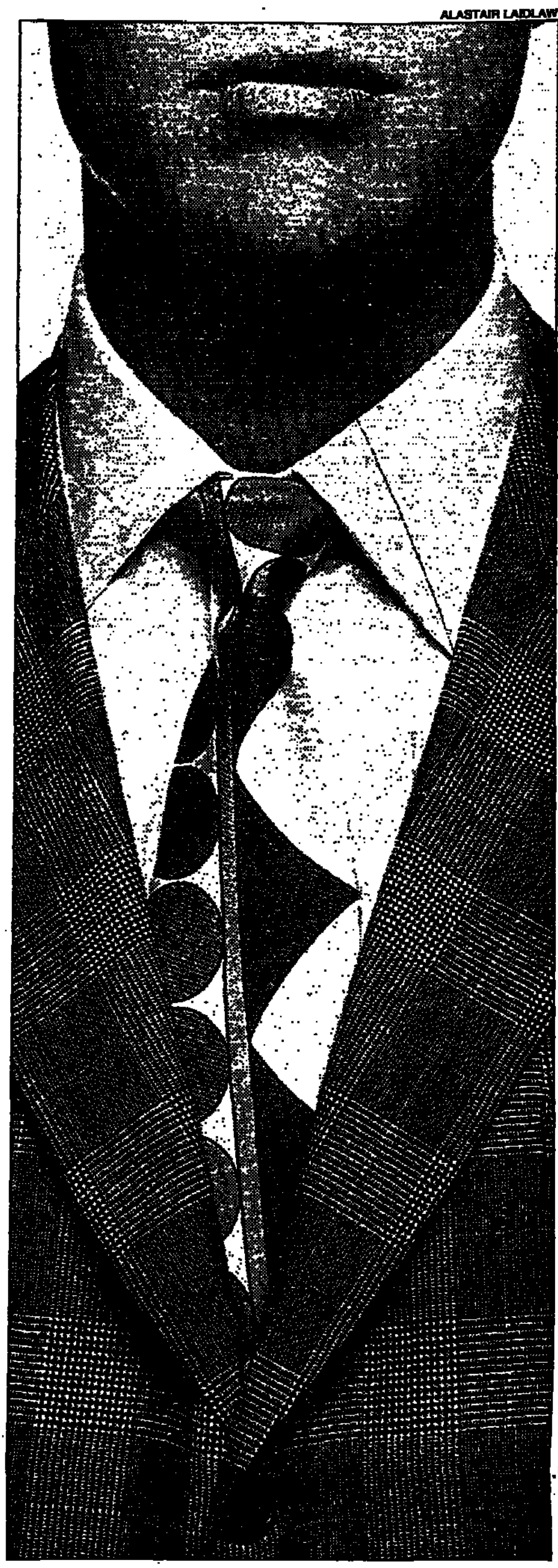
Harking back to the Sixties: Pucci blue and white print silk tie, £45, available from Browns, 23-27 South Molton Street, W1

Just the right ticket

WHEN is a public lavatory no longer a convenience? When the architectural practice using it as office space has trebled in size.

The Victorian public lavatories on the corner of Fulham Palace Road's recreation ground in southwest London, known as The Old Conveniences, were transformed into an architect's studio five years ago. Now, the need for more space and light has tempted Paul Brookes Associates, known for its sensitive conservation work, to refurbish another curious building – the old ticket office at Barnes Bridge railway station.

No objections to its planning application have been received, according to a council spokesman for Richmond's planning department, and the final decision will be made at the end of May.

Since the conversion, The Old Conveniences have been listed as a "building of townscape merit" by the council. The office is open plan except for a candy-striped boardroom. "We linked the Gents and Ladies with a mezzanine floor and installed an open steel staircase, which gives it a nautical flavour," Mr Brookes says. He hopes to sell the freehold for about £200,000.

Paul Brookes at his convenience

The old ticket office has a huge top-lit space with glazed rooflights, and Mr Brookes intends to build a mezzanine level in the booking hall. He is excited by the prospect of leasing from British Rail a 60ft long tunnel under the railway line to use as an archive.

Richard Marks, of British Rail's Property Board, is delighted with the Brookes proposal. "Machines issue tickets these days, so we have about 800 similar buildings all over Britain which have become redundant. Many are listed as part of our railway heritage." BR welcomes suggestions from private entrepreneurs for their use.

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Pulling into the big cheese

The architects of a new car-park tried a different route and drove into controversy

CHICHESTER'S new state-of-the-art car-park has stirred up considerable local controversy. Soubriquets such as "monster bridge" have appeared in the local press and the design has been likened to a slab of red Leicester cheese.

Mike Russum, of Birds Portchmouth Russum Architects, which designed the car-park, believes his practice has created, "the first car-park that addresses its urban context. It screens some very ugly buildings on the south side and like Chichester's medieval city walls, it defines the city.

"Car-parks are one of the unsolved building design problems of the late 20th century – I've never been to a good multi-storey car-park – but they are also one of the few areas of expansion in public building."

The practice submitted its design in an open architectural competition organised by Chichester District Council and the Royal Institute of British Architects (Riba). The brief invited a new approach to car-park design worthy of a site located at the entrance to Chichester in a conservation area less than a quarter of a mile from the historic cathedral.

What the architects have done is to create a three-tier car-park, with 900 spaces, linked to a high-level walkway which bridges a dual carriageway at the southern edge of the city, and then descends to reach its medieval counterpart.

The brief also required that the car-park be convenient and safe for users. In addressing this problem, the architects have created a series of pedestrian aisles inside the car-park. Traffic circulation loops around the aisles so, having parked, a visitor can walk safely along colour-coded and well-lit passageways towards a circular stair tower which gives access to the wall walk at first floor level.

Visitors who cannot remember where they left their cars will be prompted by the colour-coding – yellow, red, green or blue – applied to ceilings, columns and tower interiors. A system of pedestrian ramps at the city end of the wall walk extends to all levels, enabling visitors with prams and trolleys to have direct access to each car parking space. A parking area for the disabled is located nearest to the town centre, away from the main vehicular circulation. The car-park may be given a wider function: it is hoped that open-air concerts will be held on the roof.

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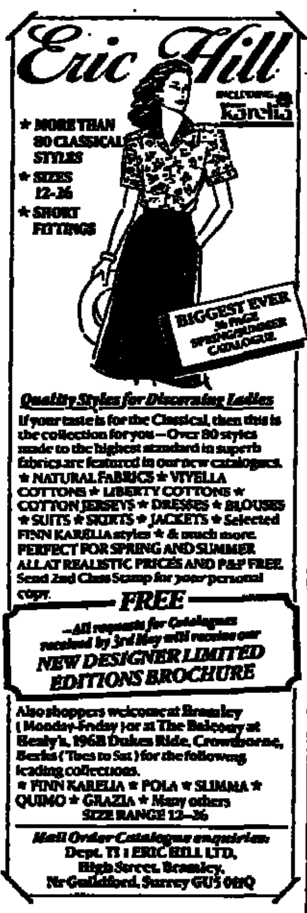

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

A Peter who never conquered the wolf

Did Stalin smother Prokofiev's genius? The truth is more complex, argues Paul Griffiths on the centenary of the composer's birth

We can tell quite a lot about our responses to a composer by the ease with which the surname goes into an adjectival form. "Stravinskian", "Scriabinesque" and "Rachmaninov-like", for instance, all bring something distinct to mind: a quality of detachment, a rapture of harmony, the breaking wave of a melodic line. But what on earth is Prokofievish?

It could be the bitter-sweet lyricism that comes out in the two violin concertos, and in *Romeo and Juliet*. Or it could be the strident, hammering drive of the Second Symphony. Equally it could be the edgy, sarcastic tone so frequent in the piano music, or the emphatic heroism of the Fifth Symphony, or the mad whirl of *The Love for Three Oranges*.

Variety on this scale could be evidence of creative supremacy, the confidence to tackle anything, as it is with Stravinsky. But Prokofiev's irony is a good deal less securely in place, and the composer he more resembles in his multiplicity of manners, his uncertainty of tone and his concomitant lack of self-criticism is Liszt. Both were masters of the Mephistophelian scherzo, the *danse macabre* of mask and self.

Like Liszt, Prokofiev came to nail his colours, for reasons that remain ambiguous, to the mast of a monolithic authority: Stalin's Russia was his Vatican. As with Liszt, too, the multifariousness of his output mocks the very concept of creative individuality. And in both cases the reaction of posterity has been to accept only a selection of works as representing the "real" composer.

Of Prokofiev's seven symphonies, for instance, only the First and the Fifth are played with any frequency. Of his five piano concertos, the Second and Third are far more often performed than the others. Among the operas, *The Gambler*, *The Love for Three Oranges* and *War and Peace* all turn up regularly; within the last decade we have had two outstanding productions of *Oranges*, by Glyndebourne and Opera North. But nobody seems keen to present *Semyon Kotko* or *The Story of a Real Man*.

One easily-reached conclusion is that Prokofiev's Soviet output is disfigured by works that he was obliged to write. Those works include, no doubt, such cantatas as *Flourish, Mighty Homeland!* and *Hail to Stalin*.

But from long before his return to Russia there was (or at least there now seems to have been) a sense of compulsion behind his music, a forcing. It was as if the role of the *enfant terrible*, which he had played as a prodigiously gifted student at the St Petersburg Conservatory in the decade before the first world war, was one that he could not shake off. He had to invent necessities, it seems, even before they were thrust on him by socialist realism: the necessity to be aggressively modern in the *Scythian Suite* and the Second Symphony (both played this last weekend, when suddenly Prokofiev was inescapable on the South Bank), or the necessity to be blandly restorative in the Classical Symphony.

This readiness to work to command, even aesthetic command, was perhaps what made Prokofiev so successful in the composition of film music, particularly for Eisenstein: a minor genre, maybe, but one in which his achievement is unrivalled, except possibly by Walton, whose creative makeup was not dissimilar, and who certainly learned from him. Another perilous and marginal field in which Prokofiev produced one of the rare triumphs was that of children's music, with *Peter and the Wolf*.

Otherwise history has tended to smile rather on composers who seized on compulsion with ironic delight, like Stravinsky, or who by subterfuge and sabotage rebelled, like Shostakovich. The emphatic "no" one hears in Shostakovich, against the optimism and triumphalism expected of him, is much less easy to detect in Prokofiev who, however much he suffered personally and creatively under Stalin, registered little objection within his music, unless passively in the weariness of his last years.

Composer Sergei Prokofiev (1891-1953): master of the *danse macabre* between mask and self

Since any more active protest could only have been presented under wraps — as in the anxiety and awfulness that subtend Shostakovich's most tub-thumping finales — this is less a question of courage than of artistic self-confidence.

That is what Prokofiev lacked, and that is what, a century after Romanticism, we still seem to require of artists: the ability to impose a new style, a new view, a new sound. Prokofiev was closer in nature to the Baroque composer: possessed of skills which he could tailor to whatever task was required of him, accepting his place within a tradition, and yet also acting as an intermediary between different musical cultures. The music he wrote in his twenties and thirties, carrying between Russia and France, influenced composers in both countries and beyond, Shostakovich included.

But that was a temporary function. In the longer term Prokofiev's music — other than that part of it which has, on grounds that are not altogether clear, become regarded as canonical — seems on the way to auto-destruction.

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CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

Harlem reels as Roman rules

THE choice of Roman Polanski as this year's president of the Cannes Film Festival jury is likely to provoke strong reactions. Polanski has for many years been exiled from America, where he once made his home, because of an unresolved case involving charges of sexual offences. Extradition agreements have also discouraged him from entering Britain during this period.

Polanski and his colleagues will have no fewer than five American films to judge — one third of the competition entries just announced in Paris. Two are by black directors. Spike Lee's *Jungle Fever* is an interracial romance, starring Annabella Sciorra and Wesley Snipes. The actor Bill Duke makes his directorial debut with an adaptation of Chester Himes's *Rage in Harlem*, with an all-star black cast.

Yet another black director, John Singleton, features in the non-competitive section with *Boyz N The Hood*, about Los Angeles street life. This presence reflects the dramatic rise of black talent in Hollywood. Thirteen films by black directors and 20 more featuring black stars are due for American release in 1991.

No less striking is the anticipated prominence of Soviet films. One of the most intriguing of the titles in competition is *The Assassin of the Tsar*, by a woman director, Karen Chakhnazarov. But the outstanding event of the festival will be the premiere of a new film by the great Akira Kurosawa, *Rhapsody in August*. Now 81, Kurosawa first opened up the Japanese cinema to the world 40 years ago. In the early Seventies his career seemed over, but it has dramatically revived in the last decade with *The Shadow Warrior*, *Ran* and *Dreams*.

Other well-known directors in Cannes are the Italian Pupi Avati, with *Bix*, a biopic of the great jazz cornetist Bix Beiderbecke; Krzysztof Kieslowski (director of *The Ten Commandments*) with *The Double Life of Veronica*; and the playwright/director David Mamet with *Homicide*.

The lean state of current British cinema is reflected by the absence of any British film in the programme so far announced. Peter Greenaway is, however, working against time to complete *Prospero's Books* for last-minute entry. Sir John Gielgud stars in this version of *The Tempest*.

At least Britain will contribute a member of Polanski's jury: the director Alan Parker. Other jury members include Whoopi Goldberg, the film composer Vangelis and the director of *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Jean-Paul Rappeneau.

DAVID ROBINSON

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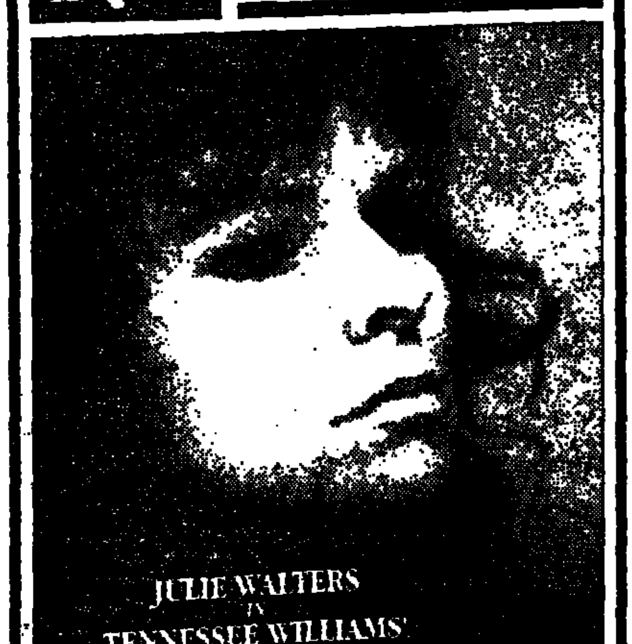

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Asylum: will the judges open Britain's door a little wider?

David Pannick on today's hearing that could strengthen the right of appeal

In his introduction to the memoirs of the Russian radical politician Alexander Herzen, who arrived in London as an emigré in 1852, Isaiah Berlin describes Britain as the country "most hospitable to political refugees, civilised, tolerant of eccentricities or indifferent to them, proud of its civil liberties and its sympathy with the victims of foreign oppression". Herzen himself noted that whereas overseas the policeman's knock on the door brought terror, in England "the policeman at your door only adds a feeling of security".

The plight of the Iraqi Kurds and a hearing today by the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg will focus attention on whether the provision we now make for refugees is as effective and fair.

In accordance with our obligations under international law, British immigration law states that a person will not be returned to a country in which he has a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion. Cheap air fares have put the immigration laws of all European nations under increasing strain, as they seek to distinguish genuine refugees from those who wish, understandably, to improve their standards of living.

The Strasbourg case concerns one of the least justifiable aspects of British immigration law. In 1987, five young Sri Lankan Tamils arrived at Heathrow claiming to be refugees. The Home Office considered the claim and decided they did not have a well-founded fear of persecution.

The Immigration Act of 1971 gives those who apply for asylum at a port of entry a right of appeal against the decision of the Home Office only after they have left the country and returned to the place where they fear persecution. As the White Queen told Alice in *Through the Looking Glass*, "There's the King's Messenger. He's in prison now, being punished; and the trial doesn't even begin till next Wednesday." Those who apply for asylum once they are lawfully in Britain are more favourably treated: they can appeal from within the country.

The Tamils were sent back to Sri Lanka in 1988. Some of them claim to have been persecuted on their return. They brought an appeal from abroad and won, convincing an immigration adjudicator that their fear of persecution in Sri Lanka was well-founded. The Home Office allowed them to return to this country.

A complaint was brought by the Tamils under the European Convention on Human Rights. The European Commission of Human Rights (the lower judicial body in Strasbourg) held, by 13 votes to one, that the absence of a right of appeal before deportation is a breach of Article 13 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which guarantees a domestic remedy for those who allege a breach of their substantive human rights. But, on the casting vote of the president, the commission held that the deportation to Sri Lanka of the applicants was not a breach of their substantive right under Article 3 to be protected against torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

On the issue of general importance under Article 13, the European Court is likely to find that asylum-seekers must be accorded a right of appeal prior to deportation. That an asylum-seeker can bring a judicial review of the Home Office decision is not an effective domestic remedy, because it concerns only the legality of the decision of the secretary of state, not whether the decision is correct on its merits. Conferring a right of appeal before removal would not cause any great administrative difficulty, and appeals could be speedily heard.

Some Home Office officials might even welcome the transfer to independent adjudicators of the onerous responsibility of deciding the fate of those who allege they will be tortured or killed if returned to one of the many unpleasant regimes in the world.

In the book of Exodus, the Children of Israel are reminded by God, "You shall not wrong an alien, or be hard upon him; you were yourselves aliens in Egypt". The suffering of the Kurds in Iraq will, no doubt, make the European Court especially sensitive to the importance of ensuring that the immigration laws of member states of the Council of Europe do not wrong aliens seeking asylum from persecution.

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Turned back: a group of Tamils stage a protest strip at Heathrow in 1987, before being deported

Woodrow Wyatt

Juggling with our security

Last week Labour persuaded most of the media that a Labour government would be as fully committed as the Tories to keeping our nuclear weapon capability while others keep theirs.

This is a touchy subject with Labour leaders, forced to ride two horses at the same time. Marjorie Thompson, chairman of CND, said at a CND press conference on November 8 last year that 133 Labour MPs were members of CND. Among them are Mr Kinnock himself and Martin O'Neill, chief defence spokesman in the Commons. CND has recently stopped disclosing figures about its support among Labour MPs in order not to embarrass Mr Kinnock in his attempt to convince the country that the Labour party is purged of the creed requiring us to give up our nuclear weapons unilaterally.

Opinion polls consistently show that two-thirds are in favour of Britain retaining nuclear weapons so long as the Soviet Union has them. This conviction must be strengthening as Mr Gorbachev totters on his throne, amid mounting chaos that may provoke a military coup by Stalinists. They would never renounce nuclear weapons, and even throughout Mr Gorbachev's rule the Soviet nuclear arsenal has been steadily growing. Iraq is on the verge of a nuclear weapon capability; so are North Korea and Libya. Hardly the time to abandon ours.

Last Tuesday Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, Gerald Kaufman, indignantly declared that the Conservative party chairman, Chris Patten, is telling "a total and deliberate lie" when he says that Labour remains unilateralist. Mr Kaufman said: "There is no commitment whatever by a Labour government to divest Britain of nuclear weapons while others retain them." He assured us that Labour's defence policy remains as detailed in Labour's policy review, *Meet the Challenge, Make the Change*. Here's the rub. This document declares "the objective of securing the elimination of all nuclear weapons by the year 2000". It goes on: "Acting with the United States and the Soviet Union we will (1) secure participation in the disarmament negotiations and (2) place all of Britain's nuclear capability into such negotiations with the intention of eliminating it in concert with action taken by the superpowers."

This must mean that if the Soviet Union substantially reduces its nuclear arsenal, we shall remove ours entirely. If not, why does Mr Kaufman not answer the simple question put to him by Mr Patten in his letter of April 19: "Would a Labour government continue to possess a nuclear deterrent as long as the Soviet Union or other countries still have nuclear weapons? Yes or no?" Labour's position is evasive. Last Tuesday Mr Kinnock said that Labour has not "made a commitment to get rid of all nuclear weapons so long as others have them". This is quite different from giving a commitment that Labour will *keep* our nuclear weapons while others do.

The artful dodge is to placate the strong CND element in the Labour party by offering the prospect that if Moscow substantially diminishes its nuclear arsenal, we shall dispose entirely of our own, while pretending there is no risk of a Labour government ever doing this. Perhaps it is the intention of Labour's leaders, once an election campaign starts, to make a categorical pledge that while others keep their nuclear weapons, Labour will keep ours. It would then be too late for the noisy Labour CND element to cry "foul", because such disloyalty would dent Labour's chance of winning. If such a clear pledge were given now, the rumpus in the Labour party would become a centre-stage controversy in the run-up to the election.

Labour intends to satisfy by sleight of semantics those who want unilateral abandonment of our nuclear arms capacity and those who want it kept. It is time this conjuring trick was rumbled. I hope that when Brian Walden interviews Mr Kinnock on ITV on Sunday, he will not miss a splendid opportunity to probe the skills of the illusionist.

Clinging to the wreckage

As the hardliners sharpen their knives, Peter Millar asks if Gorbachev will go the way of the ousted Khrushchev

At the end of the 1960s, when James Bond still drank vodka martinis and knew who the enemy was, the man most vainly sought for interviews in the Soviet Union was an old man who lived in a small house in a village outside Moscow. He could be glimpsed occasionally from a distance — all that the burly men who looked after him would tolerate — living on his memories like a character from a Chekhov short story. He was Nikita Khrushchev.

When he died on September 11, 1971, he was the subject of major obituaries in *The Times* and *The New York Times*. *Pravda*, however, gave him only one line, referring to him simply as a "pensioner". The man who had shattered the myth of Stalin and shaken the communist world spent his last days sipping vodka under KGB surveillance, regretting his mistakes. It was a lesson in the orchestration of oblivion.

This week hardliners are preparing a two-pronged attack to oust Mikhail Gorbachev from his offices as president of the USSR and general secretary of the Communist party. The question is: could he — and would he — accept a similar fate?

The answer to both questions is no. Too much has changed. Khrushchev fractured the mould of dictatorship, but he did not break it into pieces. His secret speech denouncing Stalin remained unknown in the Soviet Union (although leaked here by the CIA) until it was released under Mr Gorbachev. For Khrushchev to be an iconoclast was all right, but for anyone else it was still too risky. Khrushchev did not destroy the taboos of Soviet society, and in time he became a victim of them. For two decades after his fall, he was simply not talked about. Soviet citizens knew their place; the proletariat did not dare to impugn the reputation of their overlords — not even dead ones.

Mr Gorbachev has changed all that. Traditional *matryoshka* nesting dolls are still the most popular tourist souvenirs in Moscow, but the best-sellers on the Arbat pedestrian precinct are those with Gorbachev on the outside and his predecessors within, diminishing with history. All omit Andropov and Chernenko, but many also omit Khrushchev; public opinion about him is still uncertain.

In the bleak, unwritten book of Soviet history as perceived by the common man, Khrushchev is neither black nor white; yet one could hardly call him grey. For most Russians, much about his turbulent career prefigures the present and suggests an ominous future. Like Khrushchev, Mr Gorbachev was a loyal party man until he achieved supremacy and was able to deprecate his predecessors. Khrushchev too awakened hopes for freedom across a vast repressed empire before slapping down those who wanted to go too fast.

Neither the shooting of Georgian nationalists nor the use of tanks in Lithuania yet compares with the invasion of Hungary or erection of the Berlin Wall, both of which were sanctioned by a man we remember as broadly liberal. The mechanics of Mr Gorbachev's political tenure have been different, which is why his fall, if it is imminent, will have to be engineered differently.

During the war, Stalin fused party and government, taking personal control. He embodied both military and political power. Khrushchev realised that the system stifled enterprise, punished initiative and was on a one-way track downhill to hell. He enraged the planners by challenging their wisdom and asking the great taboo question: "What do the people in the country want?" In the end the planners ousted him, to avoid having to admit they could not provide what was wanted.

Khrushchev tried liberalising the party, but soon found himself trapped by Stalin's power structure: unless one man gave commands, nothing happened. So in 1958, he made himself chairman of the council of ministers — in effect prime minister. But in so doing, he again blurred the dividing-line between party and government. All he succeeded in doing was to reduce people's fear of the leader, so allowing others to come within reach of his pedestal and topple him. This they did with despatch and by cabal, shocking the world. In two days, October 15 and 16, 1964, Khrushchev was obliged to resign all his offices.

He was replaced as party leader by Leonid Brezhnev at the head of a compromise regime that used "collective responsibility" as a fig-leaf for a less brutal and less competent dictatorship. No political thought was required or forthcoming. The worst condemnation of that "age of stagnation" is that no one ever tried to oust Brezhnev.

By contrast, Mr Gorbachev has tried to reassert the dominance of government over the party and of parliament over government. We in the West have seldom understood the Byzantine power structures of the Soviet empire. Khrushchev became known as premier, because people wrongly assumed that the head of government was more important than the leader of the party. In Mr Gorbachev's early days, the American press referred to him too as premier, although he never held the post. Brezhnev was named "president" largely because of a mistranslation of the Russian *predsedatel*, which literally means "he who sits in front" but was actually used for the chairman, or speaker, of the rubber-stamp parliament.

The title seemed to suit Brezhnev, however, because it put him on a par with the Americans at summit meetings. He liked it and wore the title as proudly as his many medals. Andropov never got round to bothering with it, but I watched Chernenko grinning like a grandfather in his dotage (which he was) the day he was awarded the meaningless title.

Mr Gorbachev has given it meaning and power, and left the party leadership title out on a limb. There is a serious risk this week that the hardliners will remove him from the party post, but the system he has created may save him from automatically losing his post as president too.

Given the way the party has been pushed to the rim of power by Mr Gorbachev, this could be an all-or-nothing gamble. It might leave the party with nothing but its own inertia.

Mikhail Gorbachev is almost certainly the last leader of the Soviet Union in its present form. The best he, and we, can hope for is that the transition to the successor state — or states — will be peaceful and democratic. But the timing and mechanics will have to be perfect, and there is no chance of it being smooth.

He has created an environment in which politicians can retire quietly, but he is the exception to the rule. He will survive only if Boris Yeltsin and his merry men stop sniping at him and start supporting him. Eventually they may admit that time and time again he has given them an inch, knowing they would take a mile. Each time they have done so, he has had to claw back half of this ground to satisfy the hardliners. If they sacrifice him they will face only the claws.

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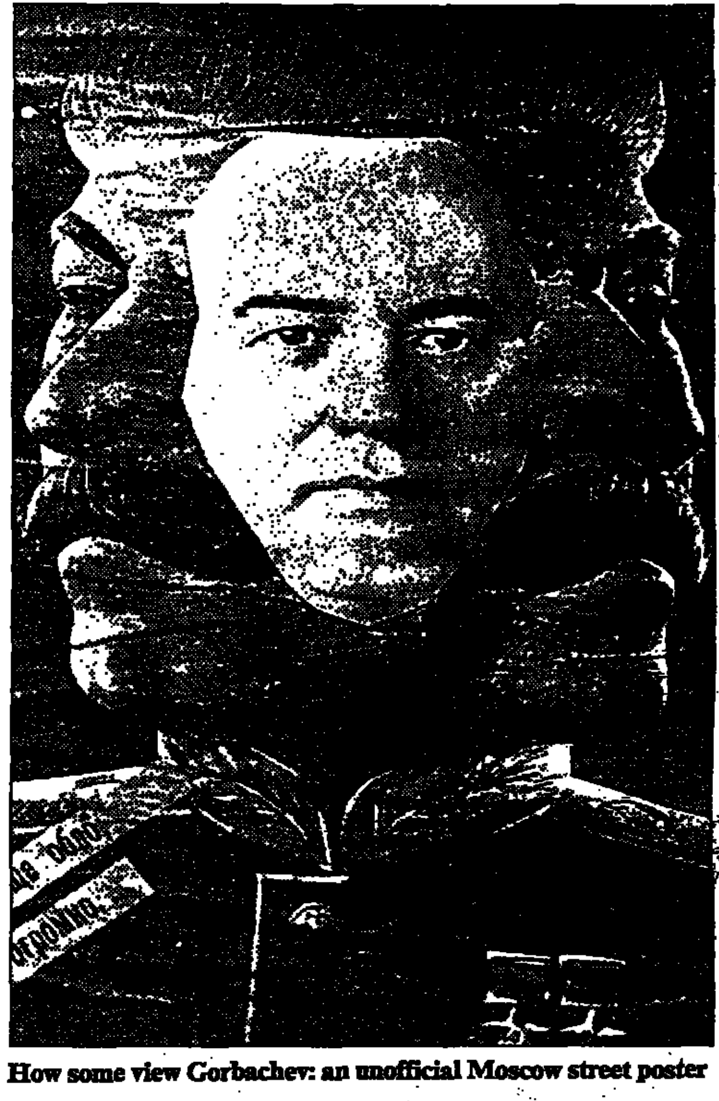

How some view Gorbachev: an unofficial Moscow street poster

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ALAN COREN

"AH, never can fall from the days that have been, a gleam on the years that shall be!" Well, possibly; on the other hand, Lord Lytton, you never know your luck.

On Sunday night, while the rest of you were frantically measuring the width of your kitchens, filling your stairwells with hollered enquiries about one another's ethnic origins, attempting to remember whether you had more or fewer academic qualifications than John Major, and banging on your teenaged children's bedroom doors in an attempt to ascertain whether they were (a) elsewhere in England, Scotland or Wales, or (b) sharing the room with someone temporarily overnighting (and asking yourself whether, in this event, you should cough loudly, pause, enter, and enquire of said person whether he or she customarily drove to his or her place of employment in a three-wheeled car or a motor-caravan, and how he or she would describe themselves when he or she got there, e.g. "poultry processor" or "jig and tool fitter"), I was doing none of these. I had ticked all my boxes and gone, not only elsewhere in England, Scotland or Wales, but elsewhere in time. I had teleported myself back 40 years, to the 1951 census.

I had done this, let me quickly say — lest Her Majesty's enumerator become agitated at one of his quarry's having slipped the statistical net by means of a black hole in it not anticipated with a line of little boxes inviting householders to tick the decade they were currently inhabiting — in the Paris Theatre, Lower Regent Street, where the BBC was recording a new episode of *Breakfast with Braden*.

The BBC was not of course doing this to commemorate the 1951 census, but to commemorate the transmission of the first *Breakfast with Braden*, with which the 1951 census fortuitously coincided. It had reconvened the only comedy gang from radio's golden age to be, happily, still intact, and one, even more happily, who were instantly to prove capable not only of performing as shimmeringly as they did yesterday, but of doing it as well as anyone is doing it today — an assertion you will be able to substantiate for yourselves when the programme goes out in a few weeks' time, and when the strange background susurration you may pick up from your sets will not be static, but merely the noise of Lord Lytton spinning in his grave with rage at not having foreseen the thermionic valve.

Remember static? You will, and much else too. You will hear the first chord of Nat Temple's signature music, and yesteryear will spring full-blown into your head, as if you had dunked a madeleine. It will be *Breakfast with Proust*. You will hear the svelte glottis of announcer Ronald Fletcher and you will feel again, between finger and thumb, the Bakelite knob of a walnut Murphy the size of a wardrobe, and remember twirling it to distinguish the Home Service from Allouis and Hilversum and Bolzano. You will hear Benny Lee warble "You're in Kentucky Sure As You're Born" and you will no less surely be back beside your 1951 Easiwork cabinet where your flaring nostrils will detect the tang of a Welsh nut in an Ideal boiler (there were no boxes concerning central heating on the 1951 census form) and the reek of rationed rind sizzling on the enamelled gas-stove and, through the gappy single-glazing, the *rus-in-urbis* whiff of the milkman's horse; for this was breakfast-time, then.

You will, furthermore, hear Pearl Carr sing "P.S. I Love You", and it will be no reflection on a voice still girlishly romantic that it will in all probability call up the way unslippered feet stuck to kitchen linoleum or the way tea-leaves used to clog the waste-pipe; just as when, furthermost, you hear the unchanged voices of Bernard Braden and Barbara Kelly, you might recall how your father, who no longer sits behind anything, once sat behind the *Daily Sketch* with nothing visible of him but the overalled arm scribbling on the pools coupon beside his plate according to the *Sketch*'s recommendations, in the days when Accrington Stanley could still be relied upon for an away win.

Fill them in how we may, censuses cannot fill in such things for us, to paint a true picture of cultural change. *Pace* Victor Borge, because it reaches the parts other things cannot reach, only radio can do this.

Killed by their own success

President de Klerk notched a new claim to fame yesterday by becoming almost certainly the last South African head of state to be the subject of a demonstration by the Anti-Apartheid Movement. The group, which could muster only a few dozen supporters outside South Africa House, is expected to wind itself up this summer.

Formed 32 years ago, Anti-Apartheid has seen a dramatic fall in membership since the release of Nelson Mandela just over a year ago and de Klerk's promise that remaining anti-apartheid laws will be swept away. Campaigns officer Paul Brannen says: "We survived Mandela's the release of Mandela, but we have not survived people's belief that apartheid is already over."

Yesterday's demonstration was a case in point, the meagre numbers contrasting starkly with the 100,000-strong demonstration in the mid-1980s to protest at President P.W. Botha's visit to London. The movement is expected to emerge from a conference in July with a new name, abandoning its campaigning role for more practical support for South Africa's blacks.

Archbishop Trevor Huddlestone, 77, is not disappointed at the end of the movement, which he has led for ten years and which he helped to inspire as a parish priest in a mixed-race area of Johannesburg in the 1940s. "It's because our efforts have been victorious that we have to consider a constructive new way of channeling our concerns for South Africa." On the other hand, he adds: "Apartheid is not yet dead and buried," and suggests that if de Klerk's reforms fail to materialise, Anti-Apartheid could be reborn.

THE TIMES DIARY

● *Now that John Major has set the record straight over his O levels, a fresh mystery confronts voters in his Huntingdon constituency. It concerns Hubert Parsons, a Labour candidate in both the district and town council elections next month. His two election addresses are printed back-to-back on the same leaflet. In one he gives his age as 65, in the other 57.*

Des decides

As speculation centres on the future of David Owen, his Gang of Four colleagues may be wishing they had joined him in refusing to sign up with the merged Liberal Democrat party.

Des Wilson, long-time Liberal stalwart and now election co-ordinator for the new party, has recently been drawing up television studio rotas for the general election. His first list of those he deemed fit to present the party's case consisted of just two names, his own and that of Paddy Ashdown, the party leader.

Asked by senior party figures to extend it, Wilson offered three further names: Alan Beith, Matthew Taylor and Simon Hughes. But what, demanded old SDP hands , of Lord Jenkins, Shirley Williams and Bill Rodgers? "1960s people, we can't possibly have them," replied Wilson.

A bit rich from the man whose main claim to fame is that he set up Shelter during that much-maligned decade.

The vanishing mouse

When British Rail restored the Glasgow Blue Train recently, the artist Terence Cuneo was invited to the unveiling — on the very spot shown in his painting of the train 30 years ago, which was used for a famous BR poster. The 83-year-old painter also agreed to leave his artistic trademark, a small mouse, on the side of the restored engine.

Alas, when the train returned from its first commemorative run, the painting had been vandalised. "It's inexplicable why anyone should want to do this," says Cuneo. "I was delighted when they asked me to paint the mouse. It was about seven inches high and looked rather nice." Instead of asking Cuneo to repaint the mouse, BR has a better idea. It will appear on the ties worn by staff at the Blue Train depot.

Still stamped on

Lech Walesa will have a complaint during his state visit to Britain starting today. Why, he will demand of John Major, must he and all fellow Poles obtain a visa before visiting Britain when Czechoslovaks and Hungarians can walk straight in?

Britain is the only leading European country that still requires Poles to have a visa. Critics say they have to endure entry checks as rigorous as at the height of the cold war.

Nicholas Bethell, who has close links with the Polish community in Britain, has urged Major to intervene. "To apply for a visa — which may not be granted — costs the equivalent of two weeks of the average Polish industrial wage," he says.

Yesterday the Home Office seemed unable to explain, but offered the time-worn platitude that the rule was being kept "under review".

America wins again

The centenary of Sergei Prokofiev's birth will be celebrated by his family not in Moscow but in Washington DC. His two sons — Oleg, who has lived in London for the past 19 years, and Moscow-based Sviatoslav — both flew to America yesterday to attend a concert of their father's music performed by the National Symphony Orchestra.

Oleg had hoped to make his first visit to Moscow for more than two decades for the centenary celebrations and a family reunion. But, says his daughter Anastasia, "Washington got in first with a better offer". But whether the concert is in Washington or Moscow, the audience can be sure that Prokofiev's *Hail to Stalin* will not be on the programme.

● *On the face of it, Manchester-based Trafford Carpets did phenomenally well to increase its export business five-fold and so win a Queen's award. But figures can be deceptive. One of the biggest contracts was for Donald Trump's $1.1 billion Taj Mahal casino in Atlantic City, but with Trump under great financial pressure, his organisation has yet to settle. If the recession continues, a new category will be needed next year: the Queen's Award for Bad Debts.*

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TALKING TO THE WORKERS

The tradition that employees are simply "hired labour" dies hard in British industry. The attitude is endemic as much among workers and their trade unions as among managers. Managers worry about profit and productivity, workers about the rate for the job. They sometimes begin to collaborate only when their joint employer is facing bankruptcy, which is often too late. The divisions within British industry are a malign residue of the nation's class hostility.

There is growing acceptance on all sides that communication and consultation are part of good management, and the most effective answer to the "us and them" attitude which breeds conflict. But progress has been sidetracked by the European Community's proposal to legislate. The EC wants to impose the Franco-German model of industrial "works councils" as a norm throughout the post-1992 single market. Margaret Thatcher and her employment secretary Michael Howard objected strongly, seeing this as creeping "Brussels socialism". That the famously corporatist Jacques Delors was so strongly in favour of the proposal merely confirmed their fears.

A ritual preamble to all advocacy of industrial partnership asserts that it is "good for business". Quite why Brussels should feel the imposition of works councils on all EC employers requires its active intervention is thus unclear. So too is why works councils are part of the EC's policy for improved competition. There is more than a suspicion of Brussels empire-building behind the proposal, as Mrs Thatcher suspected. But saying no to Brussels is one thing. Addressing the consultative barriers within British industry is another.

Works councils, as practised in France and Germany, can provide a continuous forum for communication between managers and employees, though the French and German models are by no means without their faults. Trade unions in Britain distrust them because they can eclipse the unions. They maintain that the proper relationship between employee and employed is across the bargaining table (and occasionally across the picket line). And with trade union membership in chronic decline, those elected by the whole workforce are likely to look more representative than official trade union leaders.

The Major government's change of tone towards the EC was on show yesterday when Mr Howard addressed a CBI conference. Instead of bashing away at Brussels' impertinence on worker participation, he offered a package of "constructive counter-proposals". Mandatory works councils were a legal straitjacket, he said. There should be a range of methods promoted by the EC, some of them drawn from best British practice (but none promoting trade unionism).

Industrial consultation is hard to imagine without some element of collectivity within a workforce, without some representative, and therefore elected, channel through which the exchange of information and opinion can take place. Individual consultation, where a workforce may run into tens of thousands, is nonsense. Brussels directives have already given British workers the right to be consulted on issues like redundancy and job movement. The standard method under the unrepealed Employment Protection Act is through a recognised trade unions.

Where there is no union, employees do not have these rights; and Brussels has already noticed this. If Mr Howard does not want to encourage trade union intervention in company affairs, he must suggest other means by which consultation can work. Many new British companies, including Japanese and German subsidiaries, do indeed use works councils. They accept that effective consultation is good management. But the government is right to resist any attempt by Brussels to make this compulsory. The best way of meeting the Brussels directives (which Whitehall cannot gainsay) is by government discussing with industry how good management practice can best be disseminated.

THE SPECTRE OF CHOLERA

When outbreaks of cholera occurred in the Soviet Union last summer, a brave newspaper commentator wrote with horror that cholera was supposed to be a disease of the under-developed world. That Latin America is now in the throes of its first cholera epidemic since the 1880s is a sorry commentary on that continent's state of development. The countries worst hit cannot afford the sanitation that should make cholera a disease of the past, as it now is for the developed world.

Western Europe suffered its worst attacks of cholera in the early to mid-nineteenth century, when travellers from Asia brought it along the trade routes. The first epidemic of 1830-1, which reached Europe from India, killed men such as Hegel and Clausewitz. The disease arrived in Britain in the later months of 1831 and killed 60,000 people, mainly in poor and densely-populated areas. Hellfire-preaching evangelists saw the epidemic as God's punishment for anything from Catholic empancipation to cockfighting. Others blamed the ill-health of the poor on lack of moral fibre and intemperance.

By 1842, when Sir Edwin Chadwick produced his "Report on the Sanitary Condition of the Labouring Population of Great Britain", inadequate sewerage and contaminated drinking water had become generally accepted as a threat to health. The Act for Promoting Public Health passed in 1848 was precursor to an immense programme of public spending on sanitation, the first nationwide effort to promote public health and improve the living standards of the poor.

The epidemic of 1866 was the last to hit Britain, though continental Europe suffered up to the first world war. In Thomas Mann's *Death in Venice*, set in 1911, the Venice authorities try desperately to conceal an outbreak that threatens the city's tourist trade. Hamburg tried to do the same in 1892 to protect its trade. The following year, Tchaikovsky died of the disease, some say by intentionally drinking infected water.

Western Europe in the nineteenth century experienced the same social conditions that have encouraged the spread of cholera in Peru today. Industrialisation draws people from rural areas to the cities faster than new infrastructure can be put in place for them. Shanty towns spring up with little or no piped water and primitive sewage disposal. Forty per cent of people now living in Lima do not have drinkable water. In provincial cities, the percentage is greater. The South African government has dealt with this problem more sensibly, by making water supply a priority for new settlements.

Peru's poor economic performance lies at the root of its trouble. Carlos Vidal, the minister for health, says the disease can be controlled if Peru stops dumping sewage at sea. The country has asked for a foreign loan to build sewage treatment plants. Such money is unlikely to be forthcoming until Peru restores its international financial acceptability. Ex-President Alan Garcia's refusal to pay Peru's rescheduled debts meant that public health projects, financed by such agencies as the World Bank, ceased. Defaulting on debts proved no panacea: in the 1980s, Peru's GDP fell in every year but two, and last year, inflation reached more than 10,000 per cent.

Meanwhile, the government can do little more than exhort its citizens to boil drinking water (if they can afford the kerosene) and avoid raw fish and vegetables. It can distribute oral rehydration salts, vital to redress the potentially fatal dehydration that can occur in the first few hours of the disease. Cholera has now infected more than 3 per cent of Peru's 22 million people, and has already spread to three of the country's neighbours. Emergency measures can at best stop people dying from the disease. Cholera is the tragic telltale of a failing economy. The cure for that lies in financial prudence and the political courage to enforce it.

DROPPING THE BARD

"We must bear all." For the Prince of Wales yesterday, Henry V's speech on the eve of Agincourt expresses "Shakespeare's insight into the mind of someone born into this kind of royal position". The Prince should know. His espousal of unfashionable causes has become his trademark, and he is angry that children can spend 11 years being educated while barely hearing the name of Shakespeare. For the Prince, this is a shame.

Speaking before a learned audience gathered at Stratford to celebrate the birthday of the Bard, the Prince nailed his colours to the mast of literary tradition: "I don't want my children — or anybody else's — to be deprived of Shakespeare."

A suitably theatrical riposte might be on every progressive educationist's lips. Enter Dr Bertolt Trumptup, Professor of Dramatic Irony at Revision University, stage left. "That may be good enough for fogies, old and young," he declares. "But true progressives ask: is Shakespeare safe? Is there not a case for protecting immature minds from the effects of exposure to Elizabethan prejudice? The catalogue of this dead white English male's errors is too long for tender minds.

"Shakespeare was an unashamed monarchist: a panegyrist of rulers and a satirist of rebels. He ridiculed the disabled in *Richard III*. He saw democracy as mere demagoguery: look at the ease with which crowds are swayed in *Julius Caesar* and *Coriolanus*. He was an unreconstructed patriot: 'This land of such dear souls, this dear, dear land / Dear for her reputation through the world . . .'

"Moreover," the professor continues, "Shakespeare created all the world's most objectionable stereotypes, from homicidal Moors to hunchbacks. *Othello* and *The Merchant of Venice* are not plays but tracts of racial hatred. Schools ought no more to study or perform *The Merchant* than they should *Mein Kampf*. But Shylock is the least of the playwright's lapses. While Portia is a prototype female QC — but must dress as a man to pass muster — what of Shakespeare's arrant sexism? From *The Taming of the Shrew* through *Measure for Measure* to *Lear*, Shakespeare sees women as either oppressed or figures of ridicule. And as for that infuriating bimbo, Cleopatra . . . How can a self-respecting feminist teach such stuff?

"Unexpurgated Shakespeare should carry a government health warning. For school use, the 1818 edition by Dr Bowdler should be reinstated, 'in which those words and expressions are omitted which cannot with propriety be read aloud in a family'. Or better still," concludes our devil's advocate, "drop Shakespeare altogether from the syllabus, as valiant comrades in the examination boards have already begun to do."

Then the wise child looks up from the book and says, "So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see/So long lives this, and this gives life to thee."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Arms control of world concern

From Air Vice-Marshal J. C. T. Downey

Sir, The Gulf war was the most intensive bout of high-technology consumption the world has ever seen. In the air campaign alone hundreds of sorties were flown daily, week after week, by aircraft each costing as much in real money as a squadron or two of their Second World War predecessors and each delivering precision weapons as complex and costly as earlier complete aircraft.

But Iraqi armaments, supplied by the West as well as by the Soviets, were also in that general category and Iraq had nuclear and biological aspirations which, it is said, Western firms had also been catering to, illegally or unknowingly.

The dire risks of a semi-autonomous world arms trade of this kind need no emphasis, but fundamentally this is an economic not a moral problem. This is where CND and their like miss the point. The world is a dangerous jungle and we must defend ourselves. But a developed nation which produces its own armaments can only finance the hugely costly industrial base needed to research, develop and produce modern weapons if it goes in for long production runs and exports the surplus.

Nowhere is this better illustrated than in Western Europe where, although the nations concerned have belonged to Nato for more than 40 years, they are still all producing versions of the same weapons in competition with one another and selling their surpluses abroad.

President Bush has spoken to Congress of "a new world order" (report, September 12, 1990). If it is to halt the trend described it would have to include a way of controlling, perhaps even pooling, the production and distribution of arms. The magnitude of achieving this may be judged by the fact that Western Europe has not managed it, even though its nations have been in Nato for nearly half a century, and the US has not managed private arms control even within its own borders.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DOWNEY,
Windmill House,
Bosham, West Sussex.

Uncommon murderers

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, You may have been unfair to the government in your leader (April 10) when you suggested that its opposition to the abolition of the mandatory sentence for murder is due to a fear that a Tory party conference might think that the Home Secretary had gone soft on murderers. It is more likely that the government has inferred, in the light of recent past history, that the public generally wishes such sentences to be retained.

In the early 1970s the Criminal Law Revision Committee tentatively proposed that the kind of tragic case to which you referred in your leader (a so-called mercy killing) should be taken out of the category of murder and made a separate offence with a short maximum sentence. There was at once a public outcry. You published a number of letters of protest — not all surely from readers given to attending Tory party conferences.

You ask why murder should be considered a uniquely heinous offence. Even today many would say that it is because life, being a gift from God, should not intentionally be taken away by man. The House of Lords, in voting for the abolition of the mandatory life sentence (report, April 19) was taking a course which was contrary to centuries of tradition, based upon religion and ethics.

Yours truly,
FREDERICK LAWTON,
1 The Village, Skelton, York.

Price of knowledge

From the Director of Corporate Relations, BT

Sir, May I assure your reader, Mr Payne (April 11), who phoned 192 just to ask if a charge for directory enquiries had been introduced, that he is eligible for a refund. In such circumstances, and where customers ring directory enquiries by mistake, or where an operator makes an error, we will refund the cost of the call to customers.

Yours etc.,
COLIN BROWNE, Director,
Corporate Relations, BT,
81 Newgate Street, EC1.

St George's blessing?

From Mr Lester May

Sir, I take it to be a good omen that issue number 64,000 of *The Times* should appear on St George's Day.

Yours faithfully,
L. E. MAY,
24 Reachview Court, NW1.

Names in industry

From Mr George Thomas

Sir, In your report (April 15) on the 10,000 names in the new *Who's Who in Industry* you state:

> Nearly 10 per cent of all those listed attended the ten top public schools, and as many as 28.2 per cent of entrants went to either Oxford or Cambridge, suggesting that both public schools and Britain's oldest universities are still over-represented in the boardroom.

From what point of view are these institutions over-represented and to whose disadvantage? No public company today appoints directors to represent their schools or even because of their school, but on the basis of their subsequent achievements.

That graduates of those institutions that are the first choice of the most able and ambitious students from the country's middle class, who were selected as the most promising of those many applicants and who benefited from the strongest faculties and facilities in the land should rise to the top is no surprise.

Far from being over-represented, you might ask why British industry has attracted to its leading boardrooms fewer than 1,000 products of our finest public schools and only 2,800 (including many of the former number) from our most famous universities. As personnel are a vital raw material for industry, are sufficient challenges and rewards being offered to attract the best from competitors such as finance and banking?

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE THOMAS,
17 Campden Hill Square, W8.

Doubts that remain on the census

From Mr Michael Yardley and others

Sir, A number of lessons need to be learned from the conduct of the 1991 census. For instance, although we do not dispute that much of the information gathered may be useful to central government, if it is accurate, the real issue is not so much the utility of the census but the morality of enforced data collection.

We believe, for example, that it is wrong to demand information about a person's race or education by force of law. We note that in 1971 and 1981 questions on race were not included in the census; we believe that they would not have been included in 1991 had there been an adequate public debate before the census.

We are also deeply concerned that the 1991 census may have set a trend for more intrusions on privacy in the future. Will we be asked in 2001 how much we have earned, how much we are indebted, or if we are HIV-positive? At present, without a bill of rights or something like it, it is the government of the day who decides just how far the individual's privacy may be invaded.

Thirdly, we dispute the idea that census data is absolutely safe. There is no such thing as total security, as the activities of computer hackers and terrorists make clear, and a very substantial data-base has been created merely to distribute the 1991 census forms. What is to become of this?

And what of the census enumerators? Surely they are a weak link in the claimed secrecy of the census, particularly when they are operating in a small community where they are known? We know of one rural enumerator who was heard to say: "Well, I know a lot of the information given is inaccurate, because I know the people involved".

Finally, we are concerned that the census authorities should have felt it necessary to spend so much public money on an advertising campaign with a theme of innocence. The talking baby of television commercials, and patronising slogans like "it counts because you count", give away the fact that someone somewhere knows that there remains a good deal of doubt to be dispelled.

Yours etc.,
MICHAEL YARDLEY,
ALASTAIR ROSENSCHEIN,
PHILLIP KNIGHTLEY,
11 Ham Street, Richmond, Surrey.
April 21.

From Mr Gordon Glass

Sir, I regard it as outrageous that the Census Office has arranged to sell the census data to direct-mail firms (report, April 22) and says that the risk of households being identified by these firms is "negligible".

The notice accompanying the census form says that the Census Office is bound by law to make sure that the information that I give on my form remains secret and safe. We are also told by the Registrar General that the form will be "kept securely within my Office and treated as confidential for 100 years".

What is a "negligible" risk? One per cent? Only a few hundred thousand households identifiable through their postcodes, etc?

We need to know exactly how the information will be disseminated. Otherwise we may never find out what has been made available about us. It is in the interest of both the government and the *Census Office* to provide this information.

Yours faithfully,
G. S. GLASS,
7 Pagoda Avenue,
Richmond, Surrey.
April 22.

From Mr Peter Stockill

Sir, Peter Wormald, the Registrar General, says of the census that "no one is prying into anyone's affairs" (April 19). I applied for a post of enumerator and at the interview I was left in no doubt that I would be required to do just that — pry into people's affairs.

My interviewer told me that if I came across a caravan parked outside a house or in a driveway, I would be required to look through its windows to see if it showed any signs of being lived in. If it appeared to be used as a spare room, I would have to ask the householder about who was living in it. In view of this effrontery, it was no surprise to learn that I would be given training concerning doorstep diplomacy and tact.

Yours sincerely,
PETER STOCKILL,
8 Barsby Green, Berwick Hills,
Middlesbrough, Cleveland.
April 20.

From Mr C. J. Sweet

Sir, I sympathise with Mr David Lindsay (April 20), who dislikes the implications for the retired of census question no 13 ("what was the person doing last week?"). But could someone please let me know whether I was expected to enquire of our Norwegian au pair, whom I registered as being in the household on the night of April 21-2, what she was doing last week when she was in Norway.

This is not a question I am prepared to put to any 21-year-old, of either sex.

Yours etc.,
C. J. SWEET,
49 Montholme Road, SW11.
April 22.

Clearing oil pollution

From Professor A. J. Southward

Sir, The article by your science editor on effects of oil pollution (April 16) and the third leader of April 17 about "mother nature" need clarifying. Most marine scientists agree that stranded oil on rocky shores and in the subtidal should be left alone. Given time, oil is biodegradable, but on high-amenity sandy beaches and rocky shores nearby, the public demand for cleansing has to be met.

Any form of cleansing, even simple physical removal, can cause more damage than oil, as the Torrey Canyon spill in Cornwall in 1967 showed. Amost complete recovery was made in two years on the only shore "left alone" (Godrevy Point, National Trust), but all other shores were treated with toxic dispersant mixes, nearly equal in amount to the stranded oil. The result was still evident to a layman after three years, but as you say in your leader the ecosystem *has* recovered, though recovery has been very protracted as a result of the long-lived nature of the mature biological communities.

I and my colleagues at the University of Liverpool are still studying the effects of this massive disturbance. We would like to reiterate what was said by our Breton colleagues after their fourth major oil spill in 1978: an ecosystem may recover from one major spill, but there is no guarantee of full recovery after a succession of major spills. The only guarantee is greater vigilance to prevent spills, by making the polluter pay.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. SOUTHWARD
(Visiting Professor,
University of Liverpool),
108 Durnford Street,
Plymouth, Devon.
April 18.

Overseas students

From the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom

Sir, Professor Field's letter about overseas student fees (April 12) states that "statistics show that international students are now moving away from academic institutions in Great Britain". What statistics?

The "Universities' Statistical Record" shows the numbers of overseas students in UK universities, both undergraduate and postgraduate, rising steadily year by year through the 1980s to an all-time record of some 42,000 in 1989-90.

UK universities do not at present have enough money to provide enough places to meet demand from either home or overseas students. In its "State of the Universities" report published this week, the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals has set out these and other figures. The report makes very powerfully the case for additional investment in our universities so that they can both expand and maintain the quality of the education which attracts so many well-qualified applicants from the UK and elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD PARKES, Chairman,
Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom,
29 Tavistock Square, WC1.
April 12.

Hadrian's Wall

From Mr A. R. Jabez-Smith

Sir, I cannot accept the assertion by the Managing Director of ARCO British Limited (April 17) that "the wall was in such poor condition that it could not be recognised as a single feature until its rediscovery in 1840".

I have before me *The History of the Roman Wall which crosses the Island of Britain from the German Ocean to the Irish Sea describing its ancient state and its appearance in the year 1801* by William Hutton, who in that year at the age of 78 walked the whole length of the wall. His book, published in 1802, contains excellent charts of the wall throughout its entire length, even including those parts of it that had ceased to exist. His text also refers to previous works of antiquarians who certainly recognised the wall as a single feature.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. JABEZ-SMITH,
21 Upper Phillimore Gardens, W8.
April 19.

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'Lowly' status of English Heritage

From Lord Kennet

Sir, Marcus Binney is right about the government's neglectful treatment of English Heritage and the consequent demoralisation of their staff ("Guardians of England's glory demeaned", April 16).

English Heritage, who are the statutory advisers to the Secretary of State for the Environment, have felt obliged to state that they have kept no record of the number of times the secretary of state has rejected their advice in listing, demolition and planning cases.

Parliamentary questions about whose advice he takes instead have been turned aside. Under Mr Ridley, developers' assessments of the architectural importance of buildings they wanted to destroy were accepted in preference to those of English Heritage.

When Mr Heseltine hived off English Heritage from the Department of the Environment in the 1970s, he made a point of saying this would make it more visible, thus making any mistreatment of it more visible, and would therefore add to its influence. He had reckoned without Mr Ridley, who appears not to have cared whether his mistreatment of it was visible or not.

Mr Binney approaches the heart of the matter when he says that the minister in charge of all this is the lowest form of life in the government, and has been changed eight times in the last five years. When Harold Wilson put me in that slot, before the hive-off, I was allowed the full four years of a government to reverse a trend and build things up again.

The slot also covered the entire planning system, and that is where the heritage belongs. Mr Heseltine should give the administration back to the minister for planning, bring the quangos back where they belong, give them some more money, and listen to them.

The heart of the matter itself is that the whole tilt of Mrs Thatcher's cabinets was towards freedom for private entrepreneurs to enrich themselves. An architectural and archaeological heritage is not compatible with that.

Yours etc.,
KENNET
(Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Local Government, 1964-70),
House of Lords.
April 20.

Dance at the Wells

From the Director of Sadler's Wells

Sir, The Director of Rambert Dance Company, Richard Alston, comments on the shortcomings of Sadler's Wells ("Moving out in search of more space", The Arts, April 15).

Over the last ten years, Sadler's Wells has presented dance by a range of international choreographers including Merce Cunningham, Paul Taylor, Pina Bausch, and Twyla Tharp. Undoubtedly their influence on the British dance scene has been tremendous. Sadler's Wells also works successfully with British dance companies such as London Contemporary Dance Theatre, whose audiences at the Wells have grown by 38 per cent in the last two years.

Sadler's Wells is proud of all this, achieved with less than 5 per cent of its income from grants. We also recognise the limitations of our stage and we are confidently pursuing plans for the renewal or improvement of our facilities fully to meet the needs of dance. I invite the dance community to support our ambitions and our work.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN REMINGTON, Director,
Sadler's Wells,
Rosebery Avenue, EC1.
April 18.

Vocabulary curbs

From Mr C. M. Buckmaster

Sir, Mr Trevor Mound's letter on "Scottish" salmon (April 19) raises a growing misuse of the English language which surely the time has come to scotch. I refer to the attempt by some ill-informed persons to try and restrict the use of the word "scotch" to whisky. This flies in the face of both common practice and linguistic accuracy.

In London there is a chain of clothing stores which has the word "scotch" in its name and throughout the country butchers sell "scotch" beef. I have never found the products of these shops to be soaked or marinated in whisky.

The *Oxford English Dictionary* is quite explicit in describing "scotch" as either the inhabitants of Scotland or, with regard to things, as of or pertaining to Scotland. It is well known that the Scotch prefer to restrict the use of this word but this should be recognised for the regional dialect that it is. English it is not.

Yours faithfully,
C. M. BUCKMASTER,
29 Jameson Street, W8.

From Mr Gordon Robson

Sir, Mr Mound's pronouncement that you are incorrect in describing salmon as "Scottish" comes as a great shock to all us old Scots who have had it firmly drummed into our heads by our forefathers that the word "scotch" may be applied only to whisky, mist, and a type of terrier.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON ROBSON,
1 Florence Road, Ealing, W5.

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COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 22: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of the Council, attended a Council Meeting and afterwards luncheon at St George's House, Windsor.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Squash Rackets Association, attended the final of the British Open Squash Championships at the Wembley Conference Centre.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 22: The Prince Edward, Chairman, this evening held a meeting of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group in Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 22: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Gala Concert given by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall to mark the 75th birthday of Sir Yehudi Menuhin.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 22: The Prince of Wales delivered the University of Birmingham Shakespeare Birthday lecture at the Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Warwickshire (Captain the Viscount Daventry).

Mr Peter Westmacott was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales attended the National Aids Trust and the National Children's Bureau's conference on Children and HIV/Aids at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, SW1.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

The Prince and Princess of Wales departed from Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon at the start of a tour of the Federal Republic of Brazil.

The following were present and took leave of Their Royal Highnesses: Senhor Julio Gomes dos Santos (Minister-Counsellor, Brazilian Embassy), Sir David Muirhead (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Brigadier Peter Bowser (representing Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater London), Sir Francis Kennedy (Director, British Airways), Miss Katherine Howard (Finance Director, Heathrow Airport Ltd) and Mr Robin Baxendale (Manager, Special Facilities, Heathrow Airport Ltd).

Major General Sir Christopher Airy, Viscountess Campden, Mr Peter Westmacott, Commander Richard Aylard, RN, Commander Alistair Watson, RN, Mr Richard Arbiter and Surgeon Captain Ian Jenkins, RN, are in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 22: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, today received Miss Moyna Gilbertson on her retirement as Executive Director of ASBAH.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 22: The Duchess of Kent this evening attended a Concert by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra to mark Sir Yehudi Menuhin's 75th birthday, at the Royal Festival Hall, London SE1.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

Lady Gabriella Windsor is ten today.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill together with the Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern gave a dinner in Speaker's House last night in honour of the Bishop of London and Mrs Leonard. The other guests were:

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, and Lady Cledwyn, Lord and Lady Jenkins of Hillhead, Baroness Hylton-Foster, the Bishop of Croydon and Mrs Wood, Canon and Mrs Donald Gray, the Rev Michael Hayes, the Rev Gilbert and Mrs Hopley, Canon and Mrs Joseph Robinson, Father David Campbell, Father Michael Seed, Lady Swann, Dr James and Dr Halcyon Leonard and Mrs and Mrs Mark Leonard.

Navy Board
Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, presided at a Navy Board dinner held last night at the Mall House Flat, Admiralty Arch, in honour of Admiral Sir Brian and Lady Brown and to mark Admiral Brown's retirement as Second Sea Lord. Among those present were:

Lady Oswald, Admiral Sir Jeremy and Lady Black, Admiral Sir Jock and Lady Slater, Lieutenant-General Sir Henry and Lady Beverley, Vice-Admiral Sir Kenneth and Lady Eaton, Vice-Admiral and Mrs Neville Purvis, Rear-Admiral and Mrs Peter Abbott and Mr and Mrs Moray Stewart.

British Atlantic Committee
The Austrian Ambassador and Mrs Magrutsch and the Hungarian Ambassador and Mrs Antalpeter were the guests of honour at a concert and dinner arranged by the British Atlantic Committee, the European-Atlantic Group and the Byron Society at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, last night, as part of the Mozart Summer festival. Sir John Killick, President of the British Atlantic Committee, presided at the dinner and Lady Granville of Eye, president of the committee of patrons, also spoke.

Royal Society of St George
Mr John R. Cunningham, Chairman of the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George, accompanied by Mrs Cunningham, presided at the Eve of St George's Day banquet held last night at Guildhall. The other speakers were Alderman Sir Greville Spratt, Mr W. Garth Morrison, Chief Scout, Sir Colin Cole, Garter Principal King of Arms, Mr Deputy Bernard Morgan, branch president, and the Rev Basil Watson. Messages from The Queen, patron of the society, and from the Lord Mayor were read. Among others present were:

Lady Spratt, Mrs W.G. Morrison, Lady Cole, Alderman Sir Christopher Collett, Judge Lawrence Verney (Recorder of London) and Mrs Verney, Mr T.A. Donnelly (Chief Commoner), Lady Scott-Moncrieff, Lady Charles, Colonel Stuart Archer, GC, Chief Superintendent James Beaton, GC, Mr W Willson-Pemberton, (Master of the Loriners' Company), Mr J Minshull-Fogg (chairman of the society), the Presidents of the United Wards Club and the City Livery Club, and the Master of the Guild of Freemen and their ladies.

Tate Gallery
Mr Dennis Stevenson, Chairman of the Trustees and Mr Nicholas Serota, Director, were hosts at a dinner last night at the Tate Gallery for Dr and Mrs Mortimer Sackler to mark the naming of the Sackler Octagon at the Tate Gallery.

Meeting

Religious Press Group
Archbishop Edward Cassidy, President of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Religious Press Group held yesterday at Archbishop's House, Westminster. The Right Rev Gerald Mahon, Bishop in West London, presided and Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Convenor of the RPG, was the host.

Westminster School

The Governing Body of Westminster School are pleased to announce the election to Honorary Fellowship of the following, who are all Old Westminsters: The Right Hon the Lord Carr of Hadley, PC, Professor Sir Richard Doll, OBE, Professor Sir William Hawthorne, CBE, Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, FRS, Sir Angus Wilson, CBE.

St Paul's Girls' School League

The Annual Meeting of St Paul's Girls' School League, followed by lunch, will be held on Saturday, May 18. All Old Paulinas are welcome. Further details may be obtained from the League Secretary at the School.

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of York will visit SSAFA, Ellison Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, at 11.15; and the Forces Help Society office, MEA House, at 11.30. As President of Action Research, she will visit Newcastle General Hospital at 12.10; attend a reception for fundraising committees at Wallington Hall, Northumberland, at 1.35; and attend the inauguration of the chair of orthopaedic surgery at Aberdeen University Medical School at 4.15.

The Duchess of Kent, patron, will attend a service of thanksgiving in St Paul's Cathedral at 10.55 to mark the 125th anniversary of the John Grooms Association for the Disabled.

Princess Alexandra will open the Home Care Base and Day Centre at St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, at 2.30.

Edgehill College, Devon

Term begins today and ends on July 10. The Annual Dinner of the Old Edgehillians Association will be held at The Royal Hotel, Bideford on Saturday, June 29. Performances of the College play, *The Comedy of Errors*, will be given on July 4, 5 and 6, and the Fête will be held on July 6.

Nature notes

MANY summer migrants are lingering in Spain and France, waiting for the cold winds to drop before they set out for Britain. Some cuckoos are back, calling in the treetops; a few whitethroats have also arrived and are singing their scratchy song in the green hawthorns.

Resident birds that have started breeding include hedge-sparrows, many of which are sitting on five deep-blue eggs in their small, messy nests, and robins, which most commonly nest in banks or even in holes in the ground. Collared doves are bowing deeply on roofs, both to warn off rivals and to attract mates.

Many plants have also halted on the brink of flowering because of the cold weather. On cuckoo-pint, hooded spearheads are now coming up among the leaves but have not yet unfurled to reveal the purple flower-spike inside. The watery lilac blossoms of cuckoo-flower, or lady's smock, are waving on long stems in damp meadows.

The most conspicuous flowers are the large clumps of dandilions, some of which have already turned to seed. On sunny woodland edges, speckled wood butterflies have emerged. They have a flickering, erratic flight, and are often first noticed because of their shadows on the ground.

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OBITUARIES

JACK 'KID' BERG

Jack "Kid" Berg, world junior welterweight boxing champion, 1930-31, and British lightweight champion, 1934-36, died yesterday aged 81. He was born in London on June 28, 1909.

JACK "Kid" Berg was statistically the most successful world boxing champion Britain ever produced and perhaps the most ferocious British fighter to step into the prize-ring. Nick-named "Yiddle" and known as the "Whitechapel Windmill" because of his all-action style, Berg won the world junior welterweight (now known as light welterweight) championship from Mushy Callahan of New York in 1930 and successfully defended the title a record nine times before losing in 1931 to Tony Canzoneri, an American whom Berg had beaten a year previously. Berg held the British lightweight title from 1934 to 1936. He won 157 of his 192 fights, drew nine and suffered 26 defeats. Despite his success, his achievements were never fully recognised by the British press or boxing establishment during his heyday. This was partly because he was regarded as an unspectacular performer in British rings before his sudden departure to America in 1928.

It was also because the junior welterweight division was not recognised in Britain at that time. Indeed, at the ringside at Berg's world title-winning effort against Callahan at the Royal Albert Hall, Lord Lonsdale protested that there was no such title as junior welterweight and argued that the fight should not have been accorded championship status. But Berg struck a chord with the British public, who warmed to his perpetual motion style. In spite of his lack of a big punch, he overwhelmed opponents with the sheer volume of his attacks.

The progress of Berg's American campaign was followed avidly in Britain. Hundreds would congregate outside the boxer's family home in Romford Street, East London, to hear his father read out the telegram carrying news of his son's latest fight.

When Berg returned briefly to London during his championship reign, police had to be called to restore order at Victoria Station as thousands turned out to greet the conquering hero, lining the streets as the champion returned to Whitechapel via the West End at the head of a 20-car motorcade.

Berg was born Judah Bergman above a fish shop in Christian Street, Stepney, then a notoriously deprived area of the East End. He was the son of Jewish immigrants from Odessa and the arrival of the young Bergman into the world was greeted with more than customary excitement because he was born with a caul, a second skin covering the head which was believed to instil a sixth sense in its owner. Although the caul was stolen while Berg was still a baby, he always maintained that it had given him luck for life. Luck was perhaps the only luxury available at that time to the immigrant Jewish population, many of whom had left Eastern Europe believing themselves en route to America but found themselves instead facing grinding poverty and open hostility from the gentile gangs of London's East End.

It was not surprising that boxing found willing devotees in second generation Jewish boys such as Berg, in spite of the disapproval of the Jewish establishment. Gyms flourished and fight halls such as the Judean Club, Wonderland and Premierland proliferated in the Jewish quarter between Cable Street and Whitechapel Road.

It was at the Judean Club, in the year of Berg's birth, that Ted "Kid" Lewis, Berg's idol, made his debut. Lewis, born Gershon Mendelhoff, became welterweight champion of the world and was to be instrumental in launching Berg's career. For it was while fending off unwanted admirers of Lewis's left-hand drive American car outside Premierland in 1924 that Berg came to the attention of the hall's promoters, who signed him up.

Berg's fistic journey had begun, and soon it took him across the Atlantic, where he teamed up with the great American trainer, Ray Arcel, a venerable fight figure who was still working the corner of world champions in the 1970s.

Together Berg and Arcel plotted Berg's greatest victory: a 10-round points decision over the legendary Cuban, "Kid" Chocolate, in June 1930. Chocolate was unbeaten in over 100 bouts before meeting Berg, and a crowd of over 40,000 turned out at the Polo Grounds in Harlem for the fight.

Berg's triumph was the sporting sensation of the year. But the following year, after his nine successful defences of the junior welterweight title, he challenged Tony Canzoneri for the world lightweight title. He had already fought and beaten Canzoneri in a non-title fight but this time was stopped in three rounds. Canzoneri claimed both titles, which Berg disputed, but when they met again five months later Canzoneri won a narrow points victory.

Three years later Berg won the British lightweight title by stopping Harry Mizler in ten rounds in 1934. He then went to South Africa in a vain bid to win the Empire lightweight crown and subsequently lost his British title in Liverpool when he was stopped in nine rounds by Jimmy Walsh in 1936.

Outside the ring Berg lived up to his billing as "the champ". From his base off Broadway, where he took a hotel suite a floor below that of Mae West, Berg would make regular forays to the nightspots of Harlem. In spite of prohibition there were more speakeasies than there had ever been bars and Berg found a home in this illicit but fashionable New York milieu as he had never done in London. He was often in the company of Walter Winchell, the columnist, or at his own reserved table at the Cotton Club in Harlem, an establishment which was owned by another friend of Berg and Arcel's, Owney Madden, the so-called "Duke of the West Side".

Although his last bout was not until 1945 and in 1941, aged 33, he beat the up and coming Eric Boon, Berg was never again to scale the heights of his victory over "Kid" Chocolate but he remained an irrepressible personality, finding work as a stuntman and bit-part actor in Hollywood, falling off innumerable horses and even diving to a memorable screen death from the lifeboats of the *Titanic*. Berg treasured his souvenirs from film making and, at the age of 80, could be seen striding through Soho in bootlace tie, Cuban heels and Al Capone hat.

In 1988, some 60 years after his championship reign, Berg, living in retirement in Southend with his second wife, Morya, returned to New York to find the Polo Grounds pulled down, Harlem dilapidated and the night clubs gone. This saddened him, but not for long, for Berg was an incorrigible realist always on the lookout for a new source of excitement. Approached by a gang of youths in Harlem, he told them he was an ex-boxer. "Oh yeah," one gang member said. "How many knockouts?" "Quite a few," said Berg. "Want me to try it?"

He leaves his widow, Morya and his daughter, Stephanie.

YUMJAAGIYN TSEDENBAL

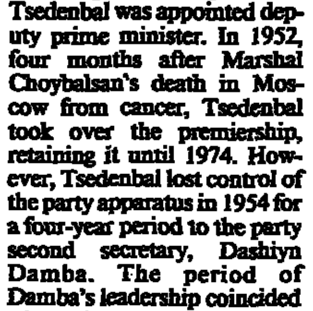
Yumjaagiyn Tsedenbal, former president and party leader of Mongolia, died in exile in Moscow on April 18 aged 74. He was born on September 17, 1916.

IN THE 32 years that Yumjaagiyn Tsedenbal ruled the Mongolian People's Republic it began to emerge from economic and social backwardness and entered the world arena as a member of the United Nations, establishing diplomatic relations with some 100 countries, including the United Kingdom. Tsedenbal kept modern Mongolia true to its origins in the Soviet-backed revolution of 1921 and to its military and political alliance with Moscow, but at the cost of the eventual stagnation of the country's development.

Tsedenbal was born into the family of a poor herdsman living in what is now called Davst district of Uvs province, a remote area of north-western Mongolia. After preparatory training in the Soviet town of Ulan-Ude he entered the Irkutsk Institute of Finance and Economics. On graduation in 1938 he took up a teaching post at the School of Finance in the Mongolian capital, Ulan Bator. He joined the only permitted political party, the Mongolian People's Revolutionary party (MPRP), in 1939.

One of a small number of Soviet-trained technocrats, Tsedenbal achieved a rapid rise to power. In the same year he was appointed deputy minister of finance, and within a few months promoted minister. At its 10th congress in 1940 the MPRP elected Tsedenbal a member of the central committee, a member of its Presidium and its secretary general.

From 1941 to 1945, Tsedenbal served as deputy commander-in-chief of the Mongolian People's Army and chief of the army's political directorate. In 1944, the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet awarded Tsedenbal his first Order of Lenin, for organising Mongolian aid — horses and winter clothing — for the Soviet army. In a brief campaign in August 1945 the Mongolian army helped the Soviet army defeat the Japanese forces in northern China and for his leadership of operations Tsedenbal was awarded the Soviet Order of Kutuzov, 1st class.



Towards the end of 1945, enjoying the patronage of the Mongolian dictator Horloogiyn Choybalsan, Tsedenbal was appointed deputy prime minister. In 1952, four months after Marshal Choybalsan's death in Moscow from cancer, Tsedenbal took over the premiership, retaining it until 1974. However, Tsedenbal lost control of the party apparatus in 1954 for a four-year period to the party second secretary, Dashiyn Damba. The period of Damba's leadership coincided with an improvement in Mongolia's relations with China, and the reinstatement of Tsedenbal in 1958 as first secretary was followed by the re-emergence of strongly pro-Soviet policies.

In 1974, Tsedenbal resigned the premiership to be elected chairman of the Presidium of the People's Great Hural or national assembly, that is, president of Mongolia. In this and other matters Tsedenbal followed the example set by the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. In 1979, for example, Tsedenbal was presented with the insignia of a marshal of Mongolia and publicly named chairman of the defence council. In 1981 he readopted the title of general secretary without change to his duties.

Throughout his long political career Tsedenbal was always very close to the Soviet leadership and a consistent supporter of its foreign policy. He was a strong advocate of the thesis — vouchsafed by Lenin to Mongolian revolutionaries visiting Moscow in 1921 — that backward countries like Mongolia could with Soviet assistance "bypass capitalism" on the path of social development from nomadism or tribalism to Soviet-style socialism.

In his last years in power Tsedenbal ruled more and more by his personal decree. In the course of his campaign to "root out weeds" in the party and administration many figures of ministerial rank were purged or exiled. In 1983 he removed vice-president Jalan-Aajav on charges of plotting to overthrow him.

The announcement of Tsedenbal's own removal from his posts on August 23, 1984, came quite unexpectedly. At a special meeting of the MPRP central committee the Politburo proposed that Tsedenbal be relieved of his duties as general secretary and of his membership of the Politburo "in consideration of his state of health and with his agreement" — an unprecedented formula from which his own request was notably absent. There had been no indication of serious illness. Premier Jambyn Batmönh was unanimously elected to be the new general secretary. The same day and according to the same formula a special session of the Hural relieved Tsedenbal of the duties of chairman of the Presidium. Tsedenbal was not present. A month before, he had gone to the Soviet Union on holiday.

Tsedenbal's departure was marked by an official tribute to his industriousness and modesty but thereafter there was silence and he stayed on in Moscow. In the following years the Soviet party leader Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of restructuring encouraged the adoption by Mongolia's leaders of their own course of socio-economic renewal. As *glasnost* (or *il tod*, as the Mongolians call it) took hold in the Mongolian media a public reappraisal of the Choybalsan and Tsedenbal periods in Mongolian history began. In December 1988 Tsedenbal was denounced for the first time by name for halting the rehabilitation of Choybalsan's victims, and for building up a cult of his own personality and allowing the country to slide into socio-political and economic "stagnation". Not long before Tsedenbal had returned to Mongolia for a short visit — his first since 1984.

Tsedenbal's Russian wife, Anastasia Ivanovna Tsedenbal-Filatova, who survives him, was once well-known in Mongolia as president of the Children's Fund but enjoyed no great popularity. Their son, Vladislav, worked for some years as deputy permanent representative of Mongolia at Comecon headquarters in Moscow.

Birthdays today

Mr M.A. Anson, former chairman, Wessex Water Authority, 67; Mrs Shirley Temple Black, former actress and American diplomat, 63; the Most Rev Michael Bowen, Archbishop of Southwark, 61; Lord Carew, 86; Mr Bill Cotton, former managing director, BBC Television, 63; Mr Antony Craxton, television producer, 73; Mr J.P. Donleavy, author, 65; Sir Diarmuid Downs, automotive engineer, 69; Lady Dudley, 84.

The Hon Victoria Glendinning, author, 54; Mr William Hagerty, editor, *The People*, 52; Sir Arnold Hall, former chairman, Hawker Siddeley Group, 76; Mr R.E. Holland, former chairman, Pearl Group, 64; Mr James Kirkup, travel writer, novelist and playwright, 68; Dr R.M. Laws, master, St Edmund's College, Cambridge, 65; Colonel Sir Andrew Martin, former Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, 77; Sir Thomas Padmore, civil servant, 82; Professor George Steiner, author, 62; Sir Herbert Tetley, actuary, 83; Sir Eric Yarrow, chairman, Clydesdale Bank, 71.

Fifth Fusiliers

St George's Day greetings to all surviving Royal Northumberland Fusiliers and in proud memory of all who wore the red and white rose on this day in or out of action in over 300 years of dedicated service to Crown and country. "Quo Fata Vocant".

Appointments

Mr Nicholas Geoffrey Freeborough to be joint District Judge for the Willesden group of county courts, from June 3.

Mr John Randall Davidson to be joint District Judge for the Uxbridge group of county courts, from June 6.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.W. Bloomer
and Miss S.A. Purdie
The engagement is announced between Patrick, only son of the late Mr H.F. Bloomer and of Mrs Dagmar Bloomer, of Partridge Green, Sussex, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Purdie, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London.

Mr E.J.G. Bryans
and Miss A.C. Macdonald
The engagement is announced between Edward John Gilmour, son of Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Bryans, of Fife, and of Mrs Richard Jenks, of Mattingley, Hampshire, and Abigail Charlotte, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Ian Macdonald, of Godalming, Surrey.

Lieutenant S.W.D. Butt
and Miss K.J. Chappell
The engagement is announced between Simon Butt, Royal Regiment of Wales, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Bill Butt, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Kathryn, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Robin Chappell, of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Mr I.S. Farnsworth
and Miss A.W. Fordyce
The engagement is announced between Iain, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.D. Farnsworth, of Staplecross, East Sussex, and Ailsa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H.I. Fordyce, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.

Mr C.O.R. Hubbard
and Miss J.C. Watson
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Hubbard, of Berkswell, and Julie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Watson, of Newton Mearns, Glasgow.

Mr G.W.T. Lock
and Miss H.E. Hayward
The engagement is announced between George, son of the late Mr Eric Lock and of Mrs Lock, of West Mersea, Essex, and Helen, daughter of the late Surgeon-Colonel E.W. Hayward and of Mrs Hayward, of Coln St Denis, Gloucestershire.

Mr R.S. McShane
and Dr R. Farrington
The engagement is announced between Rory, younger son of Mr and Mrs Neil McShane, of Dedham, Essex, and Rachel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Farrington, of Little Shelford, Cambridge.

Mr R.P. Romer-Lee
and Miss K.E. Smith
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr Peter Romer-Lee, of Upton Grey, Hampshire, and of Mrs Sheila Schroeder, of Lustleigh, Devon, and Kirsten Elizabeth, second daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Richard Smith, of Kolsas, Norway.

Mr C.E. Waddington
and Miss J.L. Turnbull
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr J. Waddington, 32 Porchesterfield Square, Manchester, and Mrs S. Willcox, of Cold Aston, Gloucestershire, and Lucy, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs O. Turnbull, of Cleabarrow, Windermere, Cumbria.

Mr S.F.C. Walker
and Miss E.S. Purdy
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of the late Major J.C. Walker and of Mrs J.C. Walker, of Sutton Veny, Warminster, Wiltshire, and Susanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Purdy, of Aylsham, Norfolk.

Flight Lieutenant R.M.J. Weiss, RAF
and Miss M.J. Alcock
The engagement is announced between Rupert, second son of Mr and Mrs Alex Weiss, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, and Melanie, only daughter of the late Mr Michael Alcock and of Mrs Jean Alcock, of Wythall, Birmingham.

Marriages

Mr A. Guindi
and Miss K. Tuohy
The marriage took place on April 6, 1991, at St Mary's, Blackheath, SE3, of Mr Alan Guindi, elder son of Mr Andre Guindi, Chevalier de l'Ordre du Merite, and Mrs Guindi, of Blackheath, to Miss Katharine Tuohy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Tuohy, of Blackheath. Father Hartley officiated.

The bride was attended by Miss Frances Tuohy, Miss Natalie Guindi, Miss Laura Henderson and Master Andrew Hammond. Mr Christian Guindi was best man.

A reception was held in Blackheath and the honeymoon is being spent in Jamaica.

Mr D.C. Hoffenberg
and Miss A.S. Hill
The marriage took place on April 14, at St David's Church in the parish of Boggabilla, New South Wales, between Mr Derek Charles Hoffenberg, elder son of Sir Raymond and Lady Hoffenberg, of Oxford, and Miss Ayesha Samantha Hill, youngest daughter of Mr Sinclair Hill and the late Mrs Valeria Hill, of Sydney.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and a reception was held at Terlings, Moree.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
CAPTAIN: P J Cowling – SNOME 23.5.91; M A Johnson – Nato 17.9.91.
COMMANDER: A Cooper – Pastime in rank of Captain – 24.4.91; G Goodwin – MOD London 11.6.91; R L Guy – MOD London 27.9.91; A J M Hogg – Chatham in Cmd 24.8.91; R H Jackson – MOD Portsmouth 15.10.91; R Madge – Staff of FOST 11.10.91; A Rose – MOD London 28.6.91; M Stanhope – London in Cmd 26.7.91.
Retirements
REAR ADMIRAL: D Allen – 29.5.91.
CAPTAIN: T W Craven – 7.7.91; J G G Hunter – 7.7.91; J S Kelly – 7.7.91; P McLaren – 29.5.91; F Milner – 29.6.91.
COMMANDER: C R Hunneybell – 31.5.91; P M Nowell – 1.7.91.

The Army
BRIGADIERS: R McJones – To be Comdt REME Trg Centre, 22.4.91; M S White – To be Comd Tpt HQ 1(BR)Corps, 24.4.91.
COLONEL: C H Bond – To be Comdt RMSM, 25.4.91.
LIEUTENANT COLONELS: A W Barratt QUEENS – To MOD, 22.4.91; D H M Briggs 6GR – To BMATT Zimbabwe, 25.4.91; N A Meckereth RAPC – To RMCS Shrivenham, 22.4.91; G R C Munnoch RE – To be CO 32 Armd Engr Regt, 23.4.91; C D R Taylor RAPC – To MOD, 22.4.91; G B Watkins LI – To RMCS Shrivenham, 22.4.91; M K Stretch R SIGNALS – To AA Coll Harrogate, 22.4.91.
Retirements
BRIGADIER: R F Powell, late WG, 29.4.91.
COLONELS: S E G Fraser, late RE(Svy), 29.4.91; I G Jack, late RA, 26.4.91; M G Tweed, late RTR, 29.4.91.

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: P J Miller – To RAFSEE Henlow; C V Thompson – To MOD.
GROUP CAPTAIN: S W Hunt – To HQ RAF Germany; G T Keith – To MOD(AFD); J V Harding – To MOD (CVE).
WING COMMANDERS: D M Guest – To MOD(CVE); R E Best – To RAF Odiham; I C J Hughes – To RAFSC; D B Love – To HQ SHAPE; A Yeldham – To RAF Biggin Hill; D R A Wilson – To SCEA.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon 1564 (he died on this day at Stratford, 1616); Joseph Mallord William Turner, painter, London, 1775; James Buchanan, 15th president of the USA 1857-61, Cove Gap, Pennsylvania, 1791; Max Planck, physicist, Kiel, 1858; Lester Pearson, prime minister of Canada 1963-68, Nobel peace laureate 1957, Toronto, 1897.

DEATHS: Miguel de Cervantes, novelist, Madrid, 1616; Henry Vaughan, poet, Llansaintffraed, Dyfed, 1695; Joseph Nollekins, sculptor, London, 1823; William Wordsworth, Poet Laureate 1843-50, Rydal Mount, Cumbria, 1850; Rupert Brooke, poet, died on active service, Skyros, 1915; Jim Laker, cricketer, 1986; Michael Ramsey, Baron Ramsey of Canterbury, archbishop of Canterbury 1961-74, 1988.

Today is the Feast of Saint George, patron saint of England and of Aragon and Portugal.

Institution of Civil Engineers

The following members of the Institution of Civil Engineers have been recently transferred to the senior grade of Fellow:

F Almutair, E P Atkinson, J S F Atwell, K Beattie, P A Braithwaite, P Broughton, D W Calkin, A D F Callander, R I Crease, J G Darling, R W Deacon, F J Dyton, A Easton, B K Everard, D S Fawcett, R H Fox, G H French, P Garratt, D R Gutteridge, F A Hone, F E Horne, F C Ince, L C F Ingersley, P J Jennings, G Jones, D C Kottler, D G Macaulay, G Macleod, M L Morgan, M A Oswell, M Palmer, D Pickering, D Pilgrim, J H Potter, A J Powderham, N T Powell, L G Sainsbury, G M Seaman, M T Shearman, F P Sockett, R D Still, L A Stringer, G A Topping, G C Udezue, M Wallwork, B F Wareham, J H Wotton and M J Wright.

Lecture

British Library
Professor Heinz Wolff delivered the British Library annual Dainton lecture last night at the Royal Society. Mr David Russon, Director General of the Boston Spa, British Library, presided.

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It is the duty of priests to teach the true knowledge of God. People should go to them to learn my will, because they are the messengers of the Lord Almighty.
Malachi 2:7 GNB

BIRTHS

ALLESTON - On April 18th, at The Portland Hospital, to Philip and Diana, a long awaited brother for Claude - George Frederick Hector.

BRYAN - On April 21st, at Colchester, to Mary (née O'Toole) and Rex, a daughter, Leonora Rose.

COX - On April 20th 1991, at The Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Alison (née Webster) and Martin, a daughter, India Grace, a sister for Philippa.

CROSS - On April 19th 1991, at Queen Mary's Hospital, to Barbara (née Griston) and Stephen, a son, James Edward, a brother for Sophie Jacqueline.

DALTON - see Halliday.

DAWSON - On April 12th, to Ruth (née Schofield) and Grant, a daughter, Faye Miranda.

HALLIDAY - On April 19th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jacqueline Dalton and Richard Halliday, a daughter, Clara. First granddaughter for Rose and Bill Halliday and tenth grandchild for Dorothy Dalton.

JONES - On April 19th, to Christina (née Probert) and Nicholas, a daughter, Elsie Mary Isobel, who died at birth, and a son, Percy Maurice Arthur, who died on April 20th. Funeral private, no flowers please. Donations to Labour Ward Fund, St Mary's Hospital Fund, London W2.

KENNEY-HERBERT - On Saturday April 20th, 9.52 am, at West London Hospital, to Emma (née Stokes) and Michael, a son, Max Richard.

LASKEY - On April 20th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Helen (née West) and Peter, a beautiful daughter, Emma Katherine, a sister for Thomas.

MAY - On April 20th, to Amanda (née Buchanan-Dunlop) and George, a daughter, Anastasia Charlotte, a sister for Xanthe.

McCORMACK - On April 17th to Peter and Emma (née Ross), a daughter, Amelia.

McGOUGAN - On April 19th 1991, safely and happily at home, to Sarah (née Parsons) and Malcolm, a daughter, Emily Grace, a sister for Lucy and Rory.

MIDDLEDITCH - On April 19th, to Penny (née Letham) and Matthew, a son, Henry Seton.

MONK - *On April 18th 1991*, to Alison (née Farnbrough) and Paul, a son, Alexander David, a brother for Isabel and Charles.

MORRISON - On April 16th, to Annie (née Gordon) and Alastair a beautiful daughter, Holly May, a sister for Vicki.

NORTHBROOK - On April 19th 1991, to Amelia and Francis, a daughter.

PROBERT JONES - see Jones.

ROWLAND - On April 21st, at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, to Sarah (née Merah) and David, a son, Michael David.

SUMNER - *On April 19th, to* Sue (née Phipps) and Patrick, a son, Milo Edward Constantine, a brother for William and George.

TRACE - On April 18th, to Anthony and Caroline (née Durrant), a son, Hugo Edward Archie, a brother for Charlotte and Oliver. With many thanks to all at Queen Charlotte's.

WALKER - On April 20th 1991, in Chichester, to Karen (née Ascoli) and Charles, a son, Henry.

MARRIAGES

JACKSON:LANGTON - The marriage took place on Saturday April 20th 1991 at St Margaret's Church, Harpsden, Henley, between Michael Carlyle, son of Mr & Mrs William Jackson, of Wheatley, Oxford and Nicola Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs Jeremy Langton, of Harpsden, Henley-on-Thames.

DEATHS

ALLISON - On April 18th 1991, Margery, aged 80 years, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service Thursday April 25th at 11.30 am, Chilterns Crematorium Amersham. Enquiries to Chalfonts Funerals Ltd. tel: (0753) 884674.

BOULTER - On April 21st, peacefully at home, A.E. Leigh Boulter. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Queniborough, Leics., on Thursday April 25th at 1.45 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the British Diabetic Association or British Heart Foundation.

COGAN - On April 19th, Margaret Ethel (Rita), suddenly but peacefully in hospital in Coventry, aged 69, widow of Jack and dearly loved mother of Benita and Thomas. Family cremation. No flowers, donations to British Heart Foundation if desired.

CORNELL - On March 7th 1991, in Majorca, peacefully at home, Peggy Constance, beloved wife of the late Charles and much loved mother of Heather and Angela.

CRONIN - On April 19th, at home in Bracknell, Patrick, much loved husband and father. Service at 12.30 on Thursday April 25th at Easthampstead Park Crematorium - all welcome.

CURTIS - On Friday April 19th, suddenly at his home in Porlock, Dr. Leonard Frank, O.B.E. So dearly loved and sadly missed by his wife Diana and daughters Sarah and Ruth. Funeral on Wednesday April 24th 1991 at 2 pm at St Dubricius Church, Porlock. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, to the Abbeyfield (Porlock) Society Ltd., c/o J & E Hayes Funeral Directors, Sparkhayes Lane, Porlock, Somerset, TA24 8NE.

DARRAH - On April 20th 1991, peacefully in Hexham General Hospital, Christine Howell (née Platt) aged 82 years. Loved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral arrangements contact Dodds of Hexham (0434) 603362.

DAVIES - On Saturday April 20th, peacefully at home, Helen Davies (née Walker), dearly loved wife of Frank and mother and grandmother of the family. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Ayrshire Hospice, Racecourse Road, Ayr. Funeral at Masonhill Crematorium, Ayr, on Friday April 26th at 11 am to which all friends are respectfully invited.

DAVIES - On April 20th, Robin Frederic (Bob), formerly of Calcutta and Bombay, peacefully at his coastal retreat in Bremer Bay, Western Australia.

DAWSON - On April 20th, in London, Peter Errington, dearly beloved husband of Althea (Winkie), father of Bruce, Patrick and Peter and grandfather of Mark, Giles, Timothy, Nicholas, Benjamin and Hugo. Funeral in Lisbon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation Institute of Oncology, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1. Grateful thanks to all staff of Howard Ward, St Thomas' Hospital, London.

DEANE - On April 19th, suddenly at Lichfield, Norma, beloved wife of Basil, mother of Colin and Patrick, grandmother of Adam. Funeral Service on Friday April 26th at Lichfield Cathedral at 11 am. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the NSPCC.

DRAKE - On April 21st, after a courageous fight against illness, John Edmund Bernard (Jack), D.S.C., C.B.E., dearly loved husband of Pauline and father of Hugh, Chris and Robin. Funeral Service at The Kent & Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells, at 11 am April 25th. Family flowers only, donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Enquiries to Groombridge W & F, Tonbridge 353964.

EDLER - On April 20th, peacefully at home in the presence of her beloved family, Marianne, deeply mourned by her husband and by Ralph and Joelle, Nicky and Tony and grandchildren Lawrence, Sonya and Alexander. Cremation Golders Green, Hoop Lane, Tuesday April 23rd 1991, 10.30 am.

ELLIOTT - On April 20th 1991, peacefully at home, St Colms, North Berwick, Eleanor Beatrice, in her 103rd year, beloved mother of Diana, grandmother of Ian and Fiona, great-grandmother of Rory. A service will be held at St Baldred's Church, North Berwick, on Wednesday April 24th at 12 noon.

EYRE - On April 21st 1991, in his 87th year, at Castlebar General Hospital, Norman Kenney (Aldeburgh and Lanzarote), beloved husband of Sybil, dearly loved father of Susan and grandfather of Brendan and Emma Minish. Cremation (privately) in Dublin. Memorial Service in St Thomas' Church, Knappagh, Westport, Co. Mayo, on Friday April 26th at 5.30 pm.

EYTON - On April 18th 1991, Matthew Melville, aged 24 years. Dearly beloved son of Audrey. Funeral Service takes place at The Crypt, Canterbury Cathedral, on Thursday April 25th at 2.30 pm, followed by a private committal. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Eyton Animal Welfare Trust via C.W. Lyons & Son Ltd., 70 Military Road, Canterbury.

FARQUHARSON - On April 19th, at home, in her sleep, on the Isle of Mull, Frances Coupston Farquharson, of Invercauld. Beloved wife of Alwyne and adored mother of Marybelle, greatly loved and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service on Friday April 26th at 12 noon at Crathie Kirk. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if desired, for Braemar Medical Equipment Fund may be given at Service or sent to Bank of Scotland, Braemar.

GIBSON - Jean, ARCA, see Whishaw.

HALLGARTEN - On April 21st, Fritz Hallgarten, peacefully at home, after a long illness. Private funeral for family and close friends only. Details from Peter or Tony.

HANDS - On April 19th, Thomas Arthur Silwood, aged 74, late of Hong Kong, peacefully at the Nuffield Hospital, Tunbridge Wells. Beloved husband of Winsome, much loved father of Anthony, Victoria and son-in-law John, loving grandfather of Antonia and Nicholas. Affectionately known as 'Tai Suk' and Uncle Arfer. Funeral Service at St Albans' Church, Frant, on Monday April 29th at 3.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation.

HARGREAVES-ALLEN - On April 18th 1991, peacefully at home after fighting a long illness, Peter Meredith, aged 45 years, much loved husband of Margret, adoring father of Christoph and Venetia and brother of Ingrid. Funeral private on Thursday April 25th. Arrangements for flowers, telephone Mrs Whitaker 071-382 6608. Memorial Service will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, date to be announced later.

HEATON-RENSHAW - On April 21st, peacefully after a short illness, Olive Daphne, aged 79. Dearly beloved wife of Squire and mother of Elizabeth, Mary, Angela, Frances, Philippa and John. Funeral at St Mary's, Bentworth, on Tuesday April 30th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Church of England Childrens Society c/o Kemp & Stevens, 93 High Street, Alton, Hampshire.

IDDESLEIGH - On April 22nd, peacefully in Devon, Elizabeth, The Dowager Countess. Requiem Mass at St Boniface's R.C. Church, Park Road, Crediton, at 1.30pm on Friday April 26th, to be followed by family burial at Upton Pyne. Flowers to Mitchell, King William Street, Exeter or donations to N.S.P.C.C., Wolseley Road, Plymouth.

IREMONGER-WATTS - On April 19th, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Richard, husband of Jill and father of Clare. Private funeral. Donations to Cancer Research, if desired.

JONES - On April 17th 1991, as the result of a road accident, Cecilia, aged 74 years, of Haltwhistle. Sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at Holy Cross Church, Haltwhistle, on Thursday April 25th at 2 pm, followed by interment in Haltwhistle Cemetery.

KELLAWAY - On April 20th, at Budleigh Salterton, peacefully and with dignity after a brave fight, Ethel, lifelong friend and beloved wife of Francis for 55 years (formerly of Plymouth and Letchworth). Service of Thanksgiving at St Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton, on Friday April 26th at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations in her memory welcomed by Hospiscare c/o The Health Centre, Budleigh Salterton.

LONG - On April 20th 1991, Mrs E.A. Long KIH (Betty), peacefully after a short illness. Funeral at All Saints Church, Warlingham, on Friday April 26th at 2 pm. No flowers please, donations to Calibre (Cassette Library for the Blind), Aylesbury, Bucks., HP22 5XQ.

MORGAN - On April 16th 1991, peacefully at Edgware General, Patricia Evelyn Morgan, wife of the late Lt. Col. Paul Lawrence Morgan Retd., late R.C.T. Loved and sadly missed by all. Funeral private. No flowers please. If desired, donations to The National Trust.

NELSON - On April 20th 1991, Peter Gerald, peacefully at his home in Belfast, beloved husband of Valerie and dearly loved father of Juliet. Service in University Road Methodist Church, Belfast, today Tuesday at 1.30 pm, immediately followed by private cremation. House private. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, if desired, to The Northern Ireland Hospice c/o The Rev. S. Callaghan, 79 Somerton Rd., Belfast. Deeply regretted by all the family. He was a fine example of himself.

PENFOLD - On April 20th, Commander David Neil Penfold, DSC, RN (retired), peacefully after a long illness borne with great courage. Dearly loved husband of Stephanie, much loved father and grandfather. Cremation, family only. If desired, donations to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester.

POLLOCK - On April 20th 1991, after a short illness, Cora, eldest daughter of the late Thomas and Susannah. Funeral Service on Friday April 26th 1991 at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead at 1 pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to the *League of Friends of* Molesey Hospital, West Molesey, Surrey.

QUITMANN - On April 21st, peacefully after a stroke, Violet Evelyn, much loved wife of Gunther and mother of Charmian and Clive. Funeral Service to be held at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Friday April 26th at 11 am. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to a charity of your choice.

SIMS - On Friday April 19th, suddenly but in the end peacefully at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, Joan, much loved wife of Donald, mother of Wendy, Nonie and Heather, Granny to Alan, Jane, David, Robert, Susie, Katie and Louise. Cremation at Cambridge City Crematorium on Friday April 26th at 3.30 pm. Donations for Save the Children Fund to R. Skeates Funeral Directors, 45 Moorfield Road, Duxford, Cambridge tel: (0223) 833463.

STONE - On Thursday April 18th 1991, at her home, Mary Robertson Stone (née Pettigrew), widow of Flt. Lt. Norman Stone, killed in action 1942. Much loved mother of Norman, grandmother of Rupert, aunt of Sally Gallagher, James Culbert Pettigrew and Ronald McQueen and sister-in-law of Freda Pettigrew. Funeral Service at Glasgow Crematorium, Maryhill, on Wednesday April 24th at 2pm, to which all friends are invited.

STUART - On April 17th, James Clifford, BVSc, MRCVS, of Norwich, Norfolk, suddenly in Brazil. Dearly loved husband of Jane, dearest dad of Brett and Claire. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Eaton, Norwich, on Friday April 26th at 12 noon, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations for Dr Barnado's or Chest, Heart, Stroke Association both c/o G.W. Gooch and Sons Funeral Directors, Kimberley Street, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 2RJ.

TOWNER - On April 22nd, Catharine Lucy, aged 53 years, of Charlton Adam, Somerset. A much loved sister and friend. Funeral Service takes place Friday April 26th at 11.30 am at Charlton Adam Parish Church. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, Taunton or Butleigh Hospital c/o G.H. Cook & Son, 8/11 Bond Street, Yeovil, Somerset, tel: (0935) 23463.

TROUTON - On April 18th, *peacefully at home, in his* 88th year, Colonel Hubert Gardiner Trouton, late of the Indian Army. Much loved husband of the late Cherry and father of Jon and Valerie and grandfather of Tom, David and Georgina. Funeral Service at Headcorn Parish Church on Friday April 26th at 10.30 am, followed by private interment at Rotherfield. Family flowers only, donations to the Salvation Army c/o A.W. Court Funeral Director, Firenze, Headcorn Road, Ulcombe, nr. Maidstone, Kent.

WATSON - On April 19th, The Reverend Ian Arthur, sometime Headmaster of Edinburgh House, Exeter Cathedral and Heath Mount Schools. Funeral Requiem at Tewkesbury Abbey on Friday April 26th at 11 am. Donations invited to British Heart Foundation.

WATT - On Saturday April 20th, peacefully at Oldchurch Hospital, John Dickie Watt, FRCOG, beloved husband of Isabella, father of Gulland, Hugh and Oliver, father-in-law of John and Sandy and grandfather of Jack, John and George. Service at Emerson Park United Reform Church at 11 am on Friday April 26th. Private cremation after. No flowers please, donations if wished to Christian Aid.

WHISHAW - On April 21st, Jean Rae (née Jean Gibson ARCA). At peace at last after a truly courageous battle. Mortlake Crematorium, 11.30 am, Monday April 29th. Enquiries: Kenyons (071) 937-0757. No flowers, any contributions to Cancer Research c/o Anscomb Hollingworth, 19 Pitt Street, London W8 4NX. Forever loved and missed by so many.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BURGES - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sheila Burges will be held at St Peter's Church, Over Wallop, on Friday May 10th at noon.

HARGREAVES - George Jonathan. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Thursday April 25th at 12 noon at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SW1.

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WHITE - William Herbert. In ever loving memory of our dear father who fell asleep April 23rd 1980. 'Until the day break'. Betty and Mary (Stoneford, Dagenham).

APRIL 23

ON THIS DAY

1927

Less than 10 years after the defeat of Germany in 1918 the Ufa company set about making a three-part film which reconstructed the war mainly on German lines.

THE GERMAN WAR FILM

BERLIN - The first part of the big German war film, produced by the Ufa Company from official pictures in the Reichsarchiv, strung together with the aid of reconstructions and trick pictures, was exhibited publicly for the first time tonight. The title of the whole film is *The World War*. It covers the whole war period, and is divided into three parts intended for exhibition on consecutive evenings. Only the first part has been completed so far, dealing with 1914.

It should be remembered that the work can only be judged as a whole, and that the first part, dealing with a period during which no official cinematograph pictures were taken in the war area, and requiring, therefore, a considerable amount of patchwork and much historical introduction and explanation, must surely have been the most difficult task of the three.

Herren George Soldan and Erich Otto Volkmann, of the Reichsarchiv office, under whose direction the film has to a great extent been produced, have preferred, rather than resort too frequently to reconstructions, to build up historically accurate impressions out of strips of authentic films of later date, at the cost of small inaccuracies in equipment and the like. In the case of "close up" battle scenes, the producers decided that the only proper method was to create impressions with the aid of a rapid series of isolated incidents reconstructed from memory, not by actors, but by former combatants.

Objective, in the strict sense of the word, the film could hardly be; it is a picture of the war reconstructed for Germans mainly on German lines; as the titles of the three parts, "The Nation's Heroic Advance," "The Nation's Ordeal," and "The Nation's Fate," indicate, it is the story of Germany in the war. But little fault can be found with the presentation of the actual war pictures or the diagrams. The most striking departures from this detachment are to be found in the introductory pictures illustrating the events of June and July, 1914, and in the captions which, not unnaturally, but in striking contrast to the other features mentioned, tend to glorify the successes of German aims and explain away their failures.

There is a strong desire here that the film should be considered detached enough in general to be exhibited in former enemy countries, and that the British and French official pictures should be worked into it, like the Austrian and Russian, so that it would be less one-sided. There seems no reason why the film should not be seen with interest in Great Britain.

"NATIONS IN ARMS"

The next section, "Nations in Arms," shows mobilisation in Russia, France, England, and Germany, with reproductions of mobilisation orders and pictures of the heads of States. The Kaiser was greeted by loud and prolonged clapping, about which, however, there seemed to be some difference of opinion among the audience.

The siege of Liège is cleverly explained by diagrams on which columns move and extend, and pictures of the troops on the march by night, in the old spiked helmets, with glimpses of fighting and reconnaissances by Uhlans, until the caption proclaims "Victory". The scene shifts to Alsace-Lorraine, where Prince Rupprecht stops the French advance. There is a good sprinkling of the horrors of war, but they are not dwelt upon excessively.

The film concludes with a brief outline of further developments, the captions explaining that all the German efforts were vain because the overwhelming power of the United States was thrown into the balance against them.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
In the matter of
MOTECROFT LIMITED
High Court of Justice
Leeds District Registry
No 1083 of 1990

Notice is hereby given that Geoffrey C A Morphitis of 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH and John F Powell of 43 Temple Row, Birmingham B2 5JT were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above Company on 11 March 1991.
G C A MORPHITIS
J F POWELL
JOINT LIQUIDATORS

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Adways Studio Limited
Registered Number: 944418. Nature of business Typesetting & Related Pre-press Production Services. Trade classification 10. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 17 April 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Caisse Nationale De Credit Agricole SA. Joint Administrative Receivers: P J Yaldon and P G Mills (Office holder nos: 7253 and 7948).
Address:
Smith & Williamson
1 Riding House Street
London W1A 3AS

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Ad Makeup (Holdings) Ltd
Registered Number: 1131603. Nature of business: Typesetting & Related Pre-press Production Services. Trade classification 10. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11 April 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Caisse Nationale De Credit Agricole SA. Joint Administrative Receivers: P J Yaldon and P G Mills (Office holder nos: 7253 and 7948).
Address:
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LANDEVCO LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 26th April 1991 at Torrington Hse, 47 Holywell Hill, St. Albans, Herts at 2.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(A) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 11th day of April 1991.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. SHUTTLEWORTH
DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GLOMAR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company is to be held at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB on 8 May 1991 at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from 3 May 1991.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the company situated at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB not later than 12 noon on 7 May 1991.
Dated 9 April 1991
CHARLES BOYDEN, Director

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
FIRST CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS on 29th April 1991 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on 25 April, 1991 and 26 April 1991.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge a full statement of account and (unless attending in person) a proxy in the form attached at No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS no later than 12 noon on 26 April,1991. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By order of the Board
HENRY L GEWANTER
Director
18 April 1991

R.S.J. (TEES) LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 24th April 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Rover, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 10th day of April 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
RAJINDAR SINGH JOHAL
DIRECTOR

REVOLUTION GRASSCUTTING MACHINERY LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Thursday 2nd May 1991 at 12 o'clock noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 18th day of April 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J M DUERDEN
DIRECTOR

Notice of appointment of liquidator
voluntary winding up
Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 327964. Name of Company: C. GUNARY LIMITED. Previous name of company: B.W. CHAMBERS LIMITED. Nature of business: FRUIT & VEGETABLE WHOLESALERS. Type of liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: 1, Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS. Liquidator name and address: PETER GEORGE MILLS 1, Riding House Street London W1A 3AS office holder number: 7948. Date of appointment: 15 APRIL 1991. By whom appointed: CREDITORS.
Date: 16 April 1991
P G MILLS
Liquidator

Number of Company 327964
The Companies Act 1985
COMPANY LIMITED
BY SHARES
EXTRAORDINARY
RESOLUTION
C.GUNARY LIMITED
Passed 15th April 1991
At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company, duly convened, and held at 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS on 15 April 1991, the following EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION was duly passed, viz:- "THAT it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and, accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Peter George Mills of Smith & Williamson, No. 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS be and he is hereby appointed liquidator for the purposes of such winding up."
W.M.A. GUNARY
Chairman

Number of Company 1689999
The Companies Act 1985
COMPANY LIMITED
BY SHARES
EXTRAORDINARY
RESOLUTION
FIRST CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED
Passed 18th April 1991
At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company, duly convened, and held at Hanover House, 73-74 High Holborn WC1 on 18 April 1991, the following EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION was duly passed, viz:- "THAT it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business and that the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Peter G Mills of Smith & Williamson, No. 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS be and he is hereby appointed liquidator for the purposes of such winding up."
M A LOMAX
Director

LEGAL NOTICES

BARRY DAVID MOTORS LIMITED
I, Terence John Rover of Poppleton and Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 22nd March 1991 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated 17 April 1991
T J Rover
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
and
IN THE MATTER OF
FORCE-AIM CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 26th April, 1991 at The Wessex Hotel, Westcliff Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5EU at 12 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Jamie Taylor, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 11th day of April 1991.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. BUTLAND
DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
and
IN THE MATTER OF
C.B. SATELLITES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on Wednesday, 1st May 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1 at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 20th day of March 1991.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. JONES
DIRECTOR

Quadrant AVC Ltd
- In Administrative Receivership -
Registered Number: 2298411
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at the Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1M on Wednesday 22 May 1991 at 10.30 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on Tuesday 21 May 1991, details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
G A AUGER
Joint Administrative Receiver

PUBLIC NOTICES

PHILLIPS, ROSE spinster late of 23 Souberie Avenue, Letchworth, Hertfordshire died at 6 High Lilly Road, Hitchin, Hertfordshire on 24th December 1989. (Estate about £191,012). The kin of the above named are requested to apply to Balderston Warren of Broadway Chambers, Letchworth, Hertfordshire. SG3 6AD Ref: DP.

SPEDLEY HOLDINGS
(UK) LIMITED
(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Notice is hereby given that John Bruce Reginald Dare of KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, 1st Floor, Dukes Keep, Marsh Lane, Southampton, SO1 1EX was appointed Liquidator of the above company on 9 April 1991.
Dated this 16th day of April 1991
John B R Dare
Liquidator

PUBLIC NOTICES

ACTON, ARTHUR LEONARD late of 489 Teviot Street, London E14 died at London Hospital Mile End, London on 21st December 1989 (Estate about £18,000) The kin of the above named are requested to apply to Balderston Warren of Broadway Chambers Letchworth, Hertfordshire SG3 6AD Ref:DP.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Former Church of England School, St. John and St. Peter Notting Hill
Area: Greater London
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CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Lottie H Paddle Scholarship Fund (Institute of Electronic and Radio Engineers)
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Albans House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number 235755-A1-LA.

ARNOLD, ALICE MARY ARNOLD Spinster late of Greycliffe Lower Warberry Road, Torquay, Devon died There on 4th March 1990
(Estate about £19 800)

BATH nee WOOLVEN, FLORENCE GLADYS BATH otherwise GLADYS FLORENCE BATH nee WOOLVEN Single Woman late of Montgomery House, 35 Montgomery Street, Hove, East Sussex died At Hove on 2nd March 1990
(Estate about £8,600)

COWLEY nee LAWRENCE, VERA ALEXANDRA COWLEY nee LAWRENCE Widow late of Willowbank, 3 Rife Way, Felpham, Bognor Regis, West Sussex died There on 18th December 1990
(Estate about £47 000)

FINESILVER, MYER FINESILVER late of 31 [illegible] Walk, Chalkhill Estate, Wembley, Middlesex died At Willesden, London NW10 on 4th November 1988
(Estate about £8,800)

FORSYTH, CECIL FORSYTH late of 54 Kingsway, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire died There on or about 8th December 1990
(Estate about £110,000)

GEE, LUCY ESTHER GEE otherwise ESTHER LUCY GEE Spinster late of 160 Hatherley Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire died At Cheltenham on 1st June 1989
(Estate about £14,690)

GOSS nee LAINEY, ROSETTA MAUD GOSS nee LAINEY, Widow late of 'Whitby Dene' Whitby Road, Eastcote, Middlesex died At Uxbridge, Middlesex on 10th July 1989
(Estate about £6,900)

GREEN, ELSIE MATILDA GREEN, Spinster late of 8, Esmond Road, Kilburn, London NW6 died At Kensington, London W8 on 24th June 1990
(Estate about £5,000)

HUNNISETT, KENNETH AUBREY HUNNISETT late of 5 Saffron Gardens, Alfriston, East Sussex died At Alfriston on 30th September 1990
(Estate about £18 000)

KING, MABEL ALLEN KING otherwise MABEL KING, Spinster late of 141 Kennington Park Road, Southwark, London SE11 died There on 10th February 1991
(Estate about £150,000)

HAYES otherwise MARSDEN-HAYES otherwise MARSDEN nee JAMES, DAISY VIOLET HAYES otherwise SYLVIA DAISY VIOLET MARSDEN-HAYES otherwise SYLVIA MARSDEN nee JAMES Widow late of 23 Kimberley Road, Stockwell, London SW9 died At Southwark, London SE1 on 4th February 1989
(Estate about £73,000)

TIDMARSH, WILLIAM HORACE TIDMARSH late of 6 New Park Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester died At Leicester on 12th December 1990
(Estate about £86,000)

TILL nee FENTON, MARGARET MARY TILL nee FENTON Widow late of Maidstone Hospital, Maidstone, Kent died There on 3rd September 1990
(Estate about £63,800)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

SCOTTISH AMICABLE
LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the One Hundred and Sixtyfifth Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held in The Albany Hotel, Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 7EN on Wednesday 24th April 1991 at 5.00 p.m.

By Order of the Directors
J. C. MITCHELL
Secretary
150 St Vincent Street
Glasgow G2 5NQ
13th March 1991.

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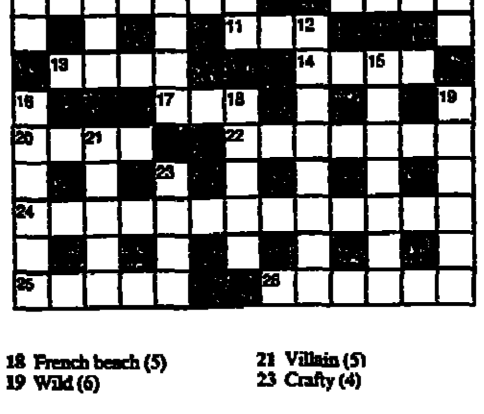

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

FREEDOM IS PARADISE (12): Incisive Russian drama about a reform school inmate escaping to see his father in prison. Director: Sergei Bodrov. Renoir (071-837 8402).

HAMLET (U): Mel Gibson as the moody Prince — a decent, lively performance but lacking the bold imagination that would give the film a strong reason for existing. Director: Franco Zeffirelli. Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

RIFF-RAFF: Marvellous, scruffy "slice of life" portrait of a building-site crew from director Ken Loach. Authentic performances from unknown players. National Film Theatre (071-928 3232).

WAR PARTY (18): Modern-day Indians are forced on the warpath in Montana. Modest pursuit movie, with disposable protagonists. With Kevin Dillon, Billy Wirth; director Franc Roddam. Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

CURRENT

AMERICAN FRIENDS (PG): Nineteenth-century romance between an Oxford don (Michael Palin) and a young American (Trini Alvarado). Slender, charming, tasteful; director Tristram Powell. Metro (071-437 0757) Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

◆ AWAKENINGS (12): Tender, heart-tugging tale of neurologist Robin Williams stirring the life force in Robert De Niro and other patients stricken with paralysis. Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Empire (071-437 9999) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES (15): Brian De Palma's shrivelled, cartoon-like version of Tom Wolfe's novel. Tom Hanks miscast as the Wall Street high-flyer. Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema. Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Winner of seven Oscars. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE FIELD (12): Richard Harris in Thirties Ireland, fighting for his land. Grandly visualised, but windy drama; from the *My Left Foot* team. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Minema (071-235 4225) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

◆ THE GODFATHER PART III (15): Brooding finale to Francis Ford Coppola's Mafia saga, handsomely staged but lacking resonance. Al Pacino, Andy Garcia, Talia Shire. Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999).

◆ GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy; director, Peter Weir. Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*. ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Ups and downs of a North London family, depicted by master caricaturist Mike Leigh. Droll, farcical, at times oddly moving; with Alison Steadman. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691).

MISTER JOHNSON (12): Bruce Beresford's engrossing adaptation of Joyce Cary's novel about culture clashes in colonial Nigeria. Maynard Eziashi lights up the screen as the native clerk caught between two worlds. Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

◆ MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle-class American marriage, from Evan S. Connell's novels. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman; director, James Ivory. Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE (15): Caustic Tinseltown comedy, with a few tears, from Carrie Fisher's novel. Meryl Streep as the drug-abused actress; Shirley MacLaine as her mother. Director, Mike Nichols. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

Q & A (18): Corruption and racism in New York's justice system. Electrifying performances (Nick Nolte, Armand Assante), though the end result carries less punch. Director, Sidney Lumet. Warner (071-439 0791).

SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY (15): Sleekly mounted but facile woman-in-peril thriller. Julia Roberts as the abused wife who fakes her own death. Patrick Bergin; director, Joseph Ruben. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

TATIE DANIELLE (15): Agreeable, satirical portrait of a spiteful old woman, deliciously played by French stage veteran Tsilla Chelton. Director, Etienne Chatiliez. Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
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☒ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical; great singing and packed with pizzazz. Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

☐ CAT WITH GREEN VIOLIN: The life of obsessive cat artist Louis Wain. Disorganised play but wonderful batty lines. Orange Tree, 1 Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Underground: Richmond. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins. Closes May 4.

☐ CORIOLANUS/THE WINTER'S TALE: Two Bogdanov productions for English Shakespeare Company: a bewildering *Coriolanus* set in Eastern Europe, a more rewarding *Tale*. Strong performances by Michael Pennington in both. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Underground: Covent Garden. *Coriolanus*: tonight, Sat, 7.30pm, *Winter's Tale* tomorrow-Fri, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. Running times: 3hrs 15mins.

☐ THE CURE AT TROY: Seamus Heaney's version of Philoctetes. A raw drama of trust, duty and betrayal that transcends the ages from Ancient Greece to Ulster. Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground: Kilburn. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 1hr 20mins. Closes April 27. (10.30pm performance on Friday in aid of the Kurdish refugees.)

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's haunting memory-play sets catholic prudery up against pagan ecstasy. Olivier Award winner for "Play of the Year". Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard stuff. Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ THE FALSE COUNT: Accomplished production of Aphra Behn's Restoration romp: bawds, bedrooms and battles at sea. Man in the Moon, 392 King's Road, SW3 (071-351 2876). Underground: Sloane Square. Tonight, tomorrow, 8.30pm. Running time 2hrs 15mins. In repertory with *Approaching Zanzibar* and *Keely's Mother*.

☐ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival. Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole back playing the drunk-about-town columnist for a limited run. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins. Closes May 25.

☐ THE LUCKY SPOT: Funny and stylish comedy by Beth Henley, set in a seedy Louisiana dance hall. Worth seeking out. Attic, The Ballroom, 103 Broadway, SW19 (081-542 6141). Underground: Wimbledon. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☒ MATADOR: The rise and fall of The Boy from Nowhere. Great dancing, staging, and sets but a wonky second half guts the show. With John Barrowman, Stefanie Powers. Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ MY LOVELY . . . SHAYNA MAIDEL: An Auschwitz survivor meets the American half of her family: Anita Dobson in an accomplished and powerful play. Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes April 27.

☐ OUR OWN KIND: Charlotte Coleman as a bright school girl caught up in a racial murder: Roy MacGregor's promising first play with excellent girl-talk. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Underground: Shepherds Bush. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 2hrs 20mins. Final week.

☐ RICK'S BAR CASABLANCA: Leslie Grantham in the play the film was based on. Thin production that certainly "doesn't amount to a hill of beans". Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 6pm. Running time: 2hrs 5mins.

☒ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins.

☐ TOP GIRLS: Caryl Churchill's pungent play revealing the opportunities missed in women's fight for power. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Closes June 1.

☒ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's production stresses comedy and motive: with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins.

■ THE VISIT: Théâtre de Complicité triumph in Dürrenmatt's black comedy, with Olivier Award-winner Kathryn Hunter unforgettable as the crippled zillionaire. National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. Running time: 2hrs 55mins.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

PROKOFIEV CENTENARY: Vladimir Ashkenazy and the Royal Philharmonic offer Prokofiev's choral suite for Eisenstein's film *Alexander Nevsky*, together with less familiar Russian works from the early 20th century: Roslavets's Violin Concerto and [illegible] *Magna Mater*. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

NORMA WINSTONE: A rare appearance by the experienced jazz singer complemented by saxophonist Tony Coe, pianist John Taylor and bassist Chris Laurence. Blackheath Concert Halls, 23 Lee Road, London SE3 (081-463 0100), 7.45pm.

VICTORIA DE LOS ANGELES: "Songs from many lands" by the veteran soprano, accompanied by pianist Geoffrey Parsons. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

[illegible] Musicum 90 consists of [illegible] period instrument musicians, [illegible] cellist Jane Coe [illegible] Rachel Brown and Su Peasgood. [illegible] perform an all-Telemann [illegible] directed by Simon Standage. St James's Church, Piccadilly, London [illegible], 7.30pm.

MUSIC FROM BRAZIL: A selection of [illegible] performed by [illegible] Barbosa-Lima and percussionist Thiago de Mello. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm.

LIVE AT THE MARQUEE: After last year's enjoyable presentation, Radio 1 promotes another series of concerts to be broadcast live with information and comment on Mark Goodier's Evening Session from 7.30-9pm each evening. A more established collection of acts than those showcased last time: they are the La's (tonight); the Soup Dragons (tomorrow), Little Angels (Thurs); Gary Clail/Definition of Sound (Fri). Marquee, 105 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (071-437 6601), 7.30pm.

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: William Tuckett's new work, with music by Jan Jones, is featured on a bill with Siobhan Davies's *Embarque* and Richard Alston's *Dealing with Shadows* and *Soda Lake*. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (081-748 3354), 7.30pm.

HOLSTEN HORIZONS: As part of the European dance series, Jean Gaudin's company gives the first British performance of *La Dame aux Camélias*, based on the novel by Alexandre Dumas and set to Verdi's *La traviata*. The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), 8pm.

LECTURES: Art historian Sir John Pope-Hennessy gives a lecture entitled "The Art of Art History" at Birkbeck College; and the National Portrait Gallery's head of education, John Cooper, discusses the "Chandos" portrait of William Shakespeare. Birkbeck College, Beveridge Hall, Malet Street, London WC1 (071-636 5488), 6pm. NPG, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (071-306 0055), 1.10pm.

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: The spring tour ends in Swansea with Patrika Ionescu's simply-staged production of Puccini's Wild-West opera, *La fanciulla del West* (with Donald Maxwell); the Goran Järvefelt production of Verdi's *La traviata* (with Frances Ginzer), and Aidan Lang's production of Rossini's *Count Ory* (with Peter Savidge and Bonaventura Bottone). Grand Theatre, Singleton Street, Swansea (0792 475715), 7pm.

THE DUTCH SWING COLLEGE BAND: Peter Schilperoort and his colleagues began their careers playing in secret during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. Despite the founder's recent death, the band continues to be a spirited purveyor of Dixieland classics. Town Hall, Imperial Square, Cheltenham (0242 523690), 7.30pm.

A highly strung quartet

THEATRE

The Idiot
Royal Exchange, Manchester

A MAN obsessed with two women. A woman desired by two men. The so-called "quartet" to which Gerard McLarnon has reduced Dostoevsky's novel is a matter of chromatic shifts and slides, an emotional *Huis Clos* for four characters irremediably scarred.

Gregory Hersov's flexible production lowers railway seats from above and deploys gilded drawing room furniture sparely. It evokes just enough of bourgeois Russia to create a background without swamping the drama's compactness. The four characters emerge in frighteningly modern psychological ambiguity. The epileptic Prince Muishkin regards the respectable Aglaya "with love", the beautiful Nastasia "with pity". The latter is crippled by terrible things that happened to her as a child — or did they? — and finally wills her own destruction, a tragic self-dramatiser who achieves a bloody resolution in earnest.

Opening with the writhing strait-jacketed Muishkin, hair gleaming gold in the spotlight, the play ends with three figures prone on the ground: the murdered Nastasia flanked by the two men who loved her, now beyond reason.

The acting has yet to reach the consistency of well-knit chamber playing. The two male roles are powerfully taken. Jonathan Hackett is the rough diamond whose heartiness is one side of unhinged passion. His account of watching a horse being beaten to death in childhood catches the right obsessive quality; and the scene where he advances murderously on Muishkin with a knife, to be deflected only by the other man's epileptic fit, is harrowingly hallucinatory.

Robert Glenister's Muishkin, with his stooping shamble, is less the Christ-like holy fool of Russian tradition than Dickensian grotesque, but is played with intelligence and sensitivity. Neither of the women project enough vocally. The Tashkent-born Valentina Yakunina has some trouble inflecting her accented English with enough variety of tone; but Rosalind Bennett gives Aglaya spirit and gumption.

MARTIN HOYLE

Rosalind Bennett as Aglaya; Robert Glenister as Muishkin

OPERA

Carmen
Grand Theatre, Leeds

RICHARD Jones's production of *Carmen*, now revived and adapted by Tim Hopkins, carefully downplays the elements of seduction and glamour. Most of it appears to have been transferred from Seville to somewhere like Leeds, with the second act in a small greasy-spoon cafe, though the newly restaged third act is evidently on some distant planet with three moons.

The appearance of traditional Spanish costumes in the last scene, replacing the earlier designer-dungarees, is a severe jolt to the system. Escamillo's first grand entry seems to be from under a table, and his last is thoroughly discreet. Since Escamillo is hardly one of opera's most rounded characters, if the glamour is taken away, not much remains; so Robert Hayward was reduced to simply singing, which he did well, but without giving the character any personality whatsoever.

This bleak staging all rather cramped the style of Oliver von Dohnányi, the young conductor of the Slovak National Theatre, appearing in England for the first time. While he secured marvellous playing from the orchestra, he never quite caught the lilt of the seductive music in the opening scenes; his performance took off only where the blood-and-thunder started. Here there was true electricity, with a magical balance and clarity. It would be easy to suggest that he was not yet in touch with French lyricism but he was fighting against the odds in this production.

Sally Burgess had the same problem. By short-changing the purely animal and sensual aspects of the title role, a good many of Carmen's dimensions are lost. If the castanet playing is not absolutely right and effortless, no amount of wonderful singing can compensate. Given her exceptional physical and vocal gifts, that was a disappointment. But she too made up for it in the more dramatic material, where the range of hard-edged colours in her naturally glorious voice inexorably propelled the story.

Mary Hegarty and Clare Shearer were a fine pair of gypsy girls, given again that the current production minimised their frivolity, which seems an important part of the formula. Paul Wade and Peter Bodenham were well cast as the smugglers, even managing to inject an element of humour into the proceedings. Anne Williams-King looked stunningly right as Micaela, though her singing on the opening night was wayward. And Jonathan Best was a compelling and impressive Zuniga.

But the production was obviously aimed at underlining the tragedy of poor drab Don José, sucked into a whirlpool of activity that he never understood. And here it worked superbly, not least because Edmund Barham was on top form. His French accent may have been less impressive than most others, but the liquid lines and apparently effortless high notes, the fierce anguish and the melting tenderness all combined to make this a memorable performance.

DAVID FALLOWS

RADIO

In The Native State
Radio 3

LIKE the enthronement of a milquetoast archbishop, Tom Stoppard's first commissioned play for radio proved to be both tame and onerous. One heard it out from a sense of dumb duty and with diminishing hopes of heresy, if not actual murder in the cathedral. The BBC plainly wanted a monument; it got a wayside shrine to the art of fictional biography, sadly lacking gargoyles. As with much of his drama, **In The Native State** (Radio 3, Sunday) invited you to take it for a gleeful parasite on existent life-forms — here, the epistolatory traditions of Empire and the stone-turning instincts of literary research.

Felicity Kendal — sounding more than ever like a wilting cucumber sandwich — played a tubercular Bohemian poetess visiting Rajasthan in 1930, from where she wrote home to her younger sister in England. Sam Dastor meanwhile painted the portrait that would posthumously grace the wrapper of her published correspondence. Peggy Ashcroft as the sister in London in 1990 entertained the artist's son to tea, at which he unveiled a nude portrait (cue: title) hitherto unknown and perhaps inexplicable. "Have a slice of Battenberg," she proposed; on leaving he declared that the Victoria sponge had been the best cake on offer. Cue: symbolism.

Cakes and ailing aesthetes do not make two hours of drama; to the interracial erotic tensions and off-stage riots Stoppard added close-to-the-mike footnotes from a scholarly American bore, the letters' editor, and extracts from a similar volume by an early-Victorian counterpart. In all this it was impossible to ascertain which passages from India were supposed to be central — surely not the protagonist's feeble verse? The implied parallels between her feminist self-possession, clothed or not, and the stirrings of national independence were too buried to be audible.

Sex and racism dance an inexhaustible tango: heat, dust and curry were then thought to exacerbate "the irritability that is occasionally noticed in the reproductive organs" as a Victorian agony column put it. **A Short History of the Cold Shower** (Radio 4, Friday) is an engaging mini-series on the nonsense with which "educators" once frightened the ignorant into sexual self-denial. They conjured a world of primitive magic in which evil spirits could not be given their true names for fear of increasing their power. For many generations the spectre of insanity wards was the ultimate bogey, and this was doubly cruel in that anti-sex propaganda contributed in turn to keeping them full.

This is a serious can of worms, long since opened by Alex Comfort and Wayland Young but worth reviewing. Dr John Post's account of it was marred only by the silly voices in which the extracts were read out. Material of this awesome perversity surely requires explanation rather than mockery. And then it struck me that this was a signal to the unwary that the nonsense was not the latest "how-to" health advice.

MARTIN CROPPER

DANCE

Après-midi
The Place

HELA Fattoumi, small and dark, with a concerned expression, balances and picks her way like a delicate bird around a dimly lit stage, precariously stretching on tiptoe in her bare feet. An apparatus becomes visible; eventually we identify it as a metal rocking chair. When she sits in this, a man runs on, crashes to the floor, pauses, then flips angrily over, head first, like a fish. Another does the same. These are Eric Lamoureux (jointly responsible with Fattoumi for the group and its choreography) and Eric Alfergan.

For the next 45 minutes these three pursue an enigmatic drama of movement. To a large extent, each seems isolated, alone and wary, although there are moments of fierce but changing relationships. We see one man standing on another of the metal rockers, dangerously shifting his balance to further extremes until he falls off at the end of the duet by the other two, which he has been watching.

Sometimes one or another dancer peers cautiously from behind the big white screens which stand at the back (setting by Jean Opfermann; simple costumes by Laurent Lamoureux which could be worn in the street without attracting notice).

With movement that only sometimes resembles conventional dancing, with a background including passionate snatches from Rachmaninov (but silence, if I remember rightly, at the most passionate choreographic climaxes), the work suggests the self-contained, anxious inward dramas of three people during an oppressive afternoon. It ends with nothing but three chairs rocking.

Fattoumi and Lamoureux began dancing together at university, won the first of several prizes for their experimental choreography six years ago, and are now supported by the French Ministry of Culture. Their London performances opened this year's Turning World season (now renamed Holsten Horizons after its chief sponsor) at The Place. During exactly a month it will show three French companies and one from each of six other European countries. No other London theatre offers such a conspectus; but British official support amounts to less than that from foreign government grants. Something is shamefully wrong there.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

ABIOSIS

(c) No life, from Greek *abios* without life: "Ultraviolet rays between 1,894 A and 2,900 A are called abiotic rays, for they are inimical to life."

MOMISM

(a) Excessive attachment to, or domination by, the mother, from the American *mom*: "The mealy look of men today is the result of momism, and so is the pinched and baffled fury in the eyes of womankind."

SHOFAR

(a) An ancient Hebrew musical instrument usually made of a curved ram's horn, still used in Jewish religious services, from the Hebrew *shophar*: "The blowing of the shofar turns out to have been originally the imitation of the voice of the dying god."

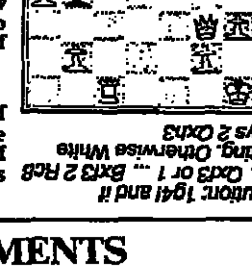
CALATHUS

(c) A vase-shaped basket, as seen on the head of Demeter in ancient Greek statues, from the Greek *kalathos* a basket: "The calathus of Minerva is no less celebrated among the poets than her distaff."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Luchovsky — Gridnev, Correspondence 1976. White seems to be in trouble, but turned the tables. Can you see how?



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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 Gloria Live. Gloria Hunniford and guests discuss topical issues 9.50 Dish of the Day. Cookery hints and tips with Rosemary Moon
10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays (r) 10.25 Bump. Cartoon featuring a clumsy elephant (r) 10.35 Turnabout. Word quiz presented by Rob Curling (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 People Today. Includes *Health UK* with Martyn Lewis, this week with advice on getting the best out of your GP
11.45 News, regional news and weather 1.50 State Visit of President Lech Walesa. The Queen welcomes President Lech Walesa of Poland, the former Solidarity leader as he arrives for the first state visit by a Polish leader 12.55 Regional News and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) 1.50 Turnabout. The wordpower quiz presented by Rob Curling
2.15 Film: Carry on Spying (1964, b/w). Riotous romp from the *Carry On* stable starring Kenneth Williams, Barbara Windsor, Bernard Cribbins as hapless agents working for forces representing all that is good and just. Directed by Gerald Thomas
3.40 Popeye Double Bill 3.50 Quick Draw McGraw 4.00 Pigsty (r) 4.10 The Further Adventures of SuperTed (r) 4.20 Simon and The Witch. Episode seven of the 12-part children's drama serial (r) 4.35 Dungeons and Dragons (r)
4.55 Newsround 5.05 The Lowdown. Real-life stories about children, told by children. This episode follows the fortunes of the Yorkshire under-16 cricket team as they attempt to retain the Texaco county championship title, and in particular the efforts of Asian all-rounder Adil Ditta, who hopes to become the first coloured cricketer to play for Yorkshire (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Bread. Another wedge of lighthearted Liverpudlian family life (r) (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax)

The art of ensemble playing: the cast of *Dad's Army* (8.00pm)

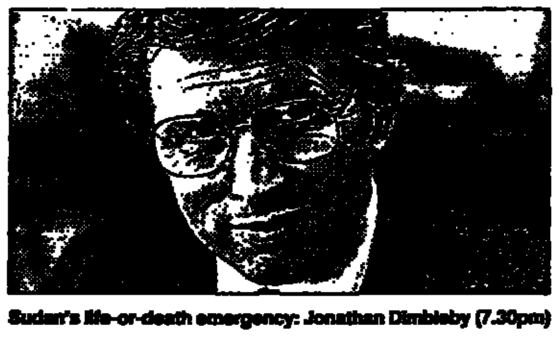
8.00 Dad's Army.

● CHOICE: A quick flip through the listings magazines will tell you that, willy nilly, every other venerable television series, being re-shown for the umpteenth time, is accorded the status of a "classic". And, depressingly often, old movies also get the accolade. Presumably, what feeds the listings editors' appetite for "classic" is the knowledge that it is practically impossible to define the word to everyone's satisfaction. There is one notable exception. *Dad's Army*. Its comedy parameters are as constant as the North Star, whether you take its scripting (Jimmy Perry and David Croft, in their heyday as caricaturists) or its performers (Arthur Lowe at the head of a company of actors who, over the years, perfected the art of ensemble playing). Tonight's episode, faultlessly conceived and executed, has the immortal platoon serving a turkey dinner to local OAPs. (r) (Ceefax)

8.30 A Question of Sport. Team captains Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Arantxa Sanchez, the Spanish tennis star, Adrian Moorhouse, Olympic breaststroke champion, athlete Brian Whittle and Neil Webb, the Manchester United and England footballer (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Kinsey: What Sort of Lawyer Are You Mr Kinsey? Another day, another case, another fee, for the maverick legal counsellor. (Ceefax) Wales: Week In Week Out. 10.00 Kinsey
10.25 Film 91 with Barry Norman. Barry Norman reviews *Scenes From A Mall* starring Woody Allen and Bette Midler as a married couple who, on the eve of their sixteenth wedding anniversary, come to the realisation that life has become less than perfect. Plus a critical look at a much-awaited Oliver Stone film *The Doors* exploring the fast life and times of Sixties rock star Jim Morrison. Northern Ireland: *Country Times*
10.55 Cagney and Lacey. The dynamic female duo extend the long arm of the law to haul in a sadistic mugger (r)
11.40 Weather. Wales. Film 91 12.10 News and weather; Northern Ireland: Film 90 12.10 Close

BBC 2

6.45 *Open University* Juggling with Physics 7.10 Technology – Piping Hot. Ends at 7.35
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster
9.00 Schools on Two
2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me. Series for four and five-year-olds (r) 2.15 Sign Extra: A Shabby Dog Story. A repeat of this programme with signing and subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing (r)
2.40 Snooker: The 1991 World Championship. Eamonn Holmes introduces first round coverage of the tournament from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield
3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Snooker: The 1991 World Championship. Further coverage from Sheffield
5.00 News followed by Who Cares Now? In this third programme of the series about caring for the elderly Jonathan Miller reveals how council officials decide who should, and should not, receive community care services (Ceefax)
5.30 Gardeners' World. A visit to the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens in Rosemoor, Devon (r)
6.00 Film: Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter? (1957) Fast-paced biting satire on the advertising industry starring Jayne Mansfield and Tony Randall. Timid copywriter Rockwell Hunter (Randall) develops an idea for a Stay-Put Lipstick commercial featuring famous Hollywood actress Rita Marlow (Mansfield). In an effort to make her boyfriend jealous Rita agrees to take the part on the condition that Rockwell assumes the mantle of the "world's greatest lover". Watch out for Groucho Marx in a cameo appearance. Directed by Frank Tashlin



Sudan's life-or-death emergency: Jonathan Dimbleby (7.30pm)

7.30 Assignment: Anatomy of a Famine.

● CHOICE: Jonathan Dimbleby is well qualified to submit this hard-hitting, first-hand account of an African life-or-death emergency – the possibility that as many as seven million Sudanese could die of hunger and famine-related diseases. Most of us will have forgotten it now, but it was Dimbleby who, back in 1973, made a film – *The Unknown Famine* – that, for the first time, alerted the world to the human tragedy that was to make Ethiopia a name to weep over. In *Anatomy of a Famine*, it's not so much *how* it happened that principally concerns Dimbleby, but why the hungry Sudanese woman he talks to tonight is so wrong when she says that the solution to the starvation crisis depends on Allah. What it *really* depends on is a resolution of the long and shameful months of political and administration wrangling between those nations that have offered relief supplies and the agencies who are supposed to distribute them but have failed to do so

9.00 Snooker: The 1991 World Championship. Further coverage from the Crucible, Sheffield
9.50 A Secret World of Sex: Forbidden Fruit.

● CHOICE: To say that BBC2 has suddenly gone sex mad is straining the truth, but starting tonight with this six-part documentary series and continuing with other features during the next couple of months, the exploration of what was once known as intimate relationships will certainly be on a scale never before attempted by this channel. *A Secret World of Sex*, for example, will cover everything from pre-marital sex (tonight) and pornography and prostitution (next week) to homosexuality, sexually-transmitted diseases, and illegitimacy. Judging by *Forbidden Fruit*, there isn't going to be any beating about the gooseberry bush in *A Secret World of Sex*. Forbidden fruit is what tonight's film on pre-marital coupling is about, but there is no evidence here of forbidden frankness, too. The prurient, however, will be disappointed by this account of how 20th century sexual mores have changed

10.20 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. E is for Eastern. An enthusiast goes in search of unexpected pleasures of the Orient in Britain (r) (Ceefax)
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 Snooker: The Embassy World Professional Championships. Final visit of the day to the Crucible, in Sheffield
11.55 Weather

ITV

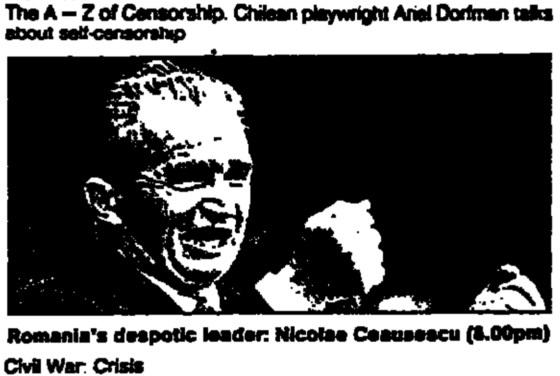
6.00 TV-am
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game hosted by Lennie Bennett 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical dicussion hosted by Anne Soubry
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine series presented by Ross Kelly and Sally Bowman
12.10 Rod, Jane and Freddie with stories and songs about colour (r)
12.30 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice. Australian soap set in a rural community health clinic
2.20 Take the High Road. Scottish drama serial 2.50 Jumble. Quiz show in which contestants and their celebrity partners solve anagrams and cryptic clues. Hosted by Jeff Stevenson
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families. Soap linking the north of England and Australia
3.55 The Wombles. (Oracle) 4.00 Dirty Beasts and Revolting Rhymes 4.10 The Return of Dogtanian 4.35 Diamond Brothers – South by South-East. Children's comedy drama series
5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 News with Carol Barnes (Oracle)
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley's series on voluntary work continues with a look at the role of lay visitors
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Emmerdale. Agricultural soap set in the Yorkshire Dales (Oracle)
7.30 Thames Reports: The Slimming Trade. A documentary on the consequences of becoming dependent on slimming pills
8.00 The Bill: Cry Havoc. More fast-paced police action with the inner-city Sun Hill constabulary. PC Stringer (Jonathan Dow) and Sgt Peters (Larry Dann) make a routine call to pick up a suspect who promptly makes a break for it, seriously injuring Peters and leaving Stringer to face the attacker alone (Oracle)
8.30 Fiddlers Three. Tepid office sitcom starring Peter Davison, Paula Wilcox and Charles Kay (Oracle)

Warding off his last few days in prison: Clive Owen (9.00pm)

9.00 Chancer. First of a new drama series starring Clive Owen as Chancer. Serving the last few days of a prison sentence Derek Love, aka Stephen Crane, faces a life of no money, no job and no home, but is soon back on his feet and determined to recover his girlfriend Jo and a bankrupt stately home and estate. A few dodgy deals later the Chancer is in full swing with some old enemies close behind him. Also starring Susannah Harker, Simon Shepherd, Peter Vaughan and Leslie Phillips
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Stewart (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 The Longest Hatred: Between Moses and Mohammed. The third and final programme of the series examines the Islamic revival and the impact of the unresolved Arab-Israeli conflict on the growth of anti-Semitism and racism in the Middle East
11.40 Thames Soccer Special. Highlights of two of tonight's first division matches
12.30am This Week – 35 Years on the Front Line: Abortion. Excerpts from two films about abortion. In 1965 Desmond Wilcox spoke to women about their illegal back-street abortions and ten years later Jenny Wilkes reports on legal operations on the NHS
1.00 Videoview. Mariella Frostrup presents a run-down of the latest video releases, including *The Freshman* starring Marlon Brando
1.30 How Was It For You? – Ageism. Do we worry too much about age? Pristine Henry Kelly talks to plump Bertice Reading, aged Ned Sherrin and youthful Vicki Woods
2.00 Donahue. Phil Donahue talks to models Christie Brinkley, Beverly Johnson, Kathy Ireland, Cindy Crawford and Kim Alexis about a day in the life of a top model
3.00 60 Minutes. American news and current affairs magazine
4.00 Entertainment UK. Up-to-the-minute guide to the best in film, theatre, dance and music from across the country
5.00 Coming of Age. American comedy series (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programe presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily with Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street. Learning-made-fun series for pre-school viewers
2.00 Rainbow Serpent. This episode of the series on the history of Australia focuses on the conflicts between Aborigines and British settlers
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park. Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quick fire quiz show hosted by William G. Stewart
5.00 Beat That. Mik Scarlett presents this new series in which groups of people from around the country, aged eight to 14 years old, are set various tasks to complete within set time limits. Here Michael, Nathan and friends from Pendower School in Newcastle must set up their own restaurant
5.30 Same Difference. Topical magazine series on disabled matters
6.00 Duet. Sitcom about the lives and loves of an unlikely Los Angeles couple
6.30 Happy Days. American high school comedy series
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather
7.50 The A – Z of Censorship. Chilean playwright Ariel Dorfman talks about self-censorship



Romania's despotic leader: Nicolae Ceausescu (8.00pm)

8.00 Civil War: Crisis

● CHOICE: Channel 4's dissection of England's civil war is a much more modest affair than BBC2's marvellous anatomy of America's. But it does something that Ken Burns's BBC series doesn't attempt – offer 20th century parallels for these national upheavals of long ago. The parallels, moreover, stand up to close scrutiny. For instance, when Romania's Ceausescu on his infamous balcony faces a hostile crowd and the masses' detestation of the despotism of the state is as demonstrable as it was in England in the mid-17th century. *Civil War* does not, however, overplay this useful then-and-now card, because tonight's inaugural episode has quite enough on its plate attempting to answer such questions as: what were the origins and causes of the English civil war and what should the history books call it – revolution, riot or rebellion? (Teletext)

8.30 Nature Watch: Eamonn de Buitlear. De Buitlear is an Irish film maker who was so successful at drawing public attention to the threats to Ireland's countryside that he was made Europe's first senator for the environment (Teletext)
9.00 Banned. Amid the Alien Corn – Iraq's Exiled Artists. In Saddam Hussein's Iraq all artists were *expected* to create work for the greater glorification of Saddam himself. Consequently for many the only choice was escape into exile. This programme focuses on the work of seven such artists, Arabs and Kurds, now living in Italy
9.45 Banned: Jo's Dick. The only item the ITC refused to allow in Channel 4's *Banned* season was a short film by Joe Menell entitled *Dick*. Shown in British cinemas this film shows some 1,000 close-up photographs of the male member accompanied on the soundtrack by women's comments. In this programme film-maker Menell talks about his work and the controversy it has aroused
10.00 Banned. Film – Defence of the Realm (1985). A well-acted and well-written British thriller whose tortuous plot mirrors devious shenanigans in high places. Gabriel Byrne stars as a down-at-heel journalist who, with the help of cynical old reporter Denholm Elliott, investigates a sex scandal involving prominent Opposition MP Ian Bannen. When the story is published Bannen resigns but Byrne soons begins to suspect that he has been used as a pawn in a far greater political conspiracy concerning nuclear weapons. There is fine support from a wealth of familiar faces (Bill Paterson, Fulton Mackay and Robbie Coltrane) and Australian actress Greta Scacchi appears as Bannen's secretary. Directed by David Drury
11.50 Banned: The Propaganda War. A 1981 edition of *World in Action* that was withdrawn after the IBA demanded the removal of footage of Bobby Sands's hunger strike
12.20am Banned: Film – Funeral Ceremony (1969). A long-banned Czechoslovakian film about a widow's attempts to have her husband buried in the village from which they were driven some 20 years earlier for opposing the official party policy of collectivisation. Directed by Zdenek Sirovy. With English subtitles. Ends at 1.40

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 5.10-5.40pm Sixth Sense 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 7.30-8.00 Help 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.35am Murphy's Law 1.30 The Concert 2.30 How Was It For You? 3.00 Entertainment UK 4.00 The Shakespeare Trilogy 4.30 All Action Sport Specials 5.00-5.30 Help

BORDER

As London except: 2.20-2.50pm Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Enterprise Challenge 11.40 Country in Concert 12.40am Superstars of Wrestling 1.40 Film: Nairobi Affair 3.25 Night Beat 4.25 About Britain 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 6.25-7.00pm Central News 7.30-8.00 One World 11.40 Central Sports Special 12.55am Film: The Red Flag 2.45 How Was It For You? 3.10 The Concert 4.10-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 6.30-7.00pm Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Traveller's Check 11.40 Granada Soccer Night 12.40am Superstars of Wrestling 1.40 Film: Nairobi Affair 3.25 Night Beat 4.25 About Britain 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50-2.20pm The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbuster 7.30-8.00 Cape Homers 11.40 Sports Special 12.25am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.25 Night Gallery 1.40 No Problem 3.30 60 Minutes 4.20 This England 4.50-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00-6.30pm Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Day Return 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.40-1.40am Donahue

TSW

As London except: 2.20-2.50pm High Days and Holidays 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Ark on the Move 11.40 The Sweeney 12.40am Superstars of Wrestling 1.40 Film: Nairobi Affair 3.25 Night Beat 4.25 About Britain 4.55 TSW Jobfinder 5.00-5.30 Farming News

TVS

As London except: 1.50-2.20pm The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Country Ways 11.40 The TVS Match 12.30am Film: Inside Out (Telly Savalas and James Mason) 2.20 Vivid 2.50 Music Box Special 3.20 60 Minutes 4.15 About Britain 4.45 Country Ways 5.00-5.30 Coast to Coast People

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50-2.20pm Simply the Best 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 The River Thames 11.40 The Sweeney 12.40am Superstars of Wrestling 1.40 Film: Nairobi Affair (Charlton Heston, Maud Adams) 3.25 Night Beat 4.25 About Britain 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50-2.20pm Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 How Does Your Garden Grow? 10.35 Fishing in Troubled Waters (The polluted River Slaney) 11.40 The Longest Hatred 12.40am Superstars of Wrestling 1.40 Film: Nairobi Affair (Charlton Heston, Maud Adams) 3.25 Night Beat 4.25 About Britain 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.10-5.40pm Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Taxi 11.40 Wolf 12.25am The Young Riders 1.35 Hodson Confidential (Discussion on child abuse) 2.05 60 Minutes 3.00 Music Box 4.00 About Britain 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Yagollon 12.05pm Special 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Nol Pote 2.30 C4 Racing from Kempton Park 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Tonight with Jonathan Ross 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Nyth Cacwn 7.30 Palu Mlaen 8.00 The Wonder Years 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Snwcer 9.30 Affairs of the Heart 10.30 Without Walls 11.30 Banned: Nicely Offensive – Dusan Makavejev Interview 12.10am Banned: The Coffin Factory 12.20 Banned: Film: Funeral Ceremony 1.40 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 1.00pm News 1.35 House and Home 2.00 Perry Mason 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by McGilloway's Way 4.30 Lillie 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Katts and Dog (Adventures of a policeman and his remarkable German shepherd dog) 7.25 Local Heroes 8.00 Perfect Scoundrels 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Arts Express 10.40 St Elsewhere 11.30-11.40 News

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.00pm Bosco 2.30 Racing from Punchestown 3.05 Children's Programmes 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Cursai 7.30 Glenroe 8.00 News followed by Great Legs 9.00 Only Fools and Horses 9.30 News followed by Gabriel's Fire 10.25 Nighthawks 11.05 News 11.25 Oireachtas Report 11.45 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Doctor, Doctor 8.00 Napoleon and Josephine: A Love Story. Conclusion of the mini series 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Werewolf 11.00 Police Story 12.00 Monsters 12.30am Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In 1.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour
5.00am Newswatch 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Target 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Boundaries of the Heart (1988) A woman (Wendy Hughes) plays a dangerous romantic game with her steady boyfriend
12.00 Tarka the Otter (1978) Adventures along England's riverbanks
2.00pm Heartbreak Hotel (1989) When Tuesday Weld falls ill, her sons kidnap her idol, Elvis Presley (David Keith)
4.00 The Last Giraffe (1979) Animal rights campaigners attempt to save the endangered Rothschild giraffes from poachers
6.00 Incident at Dark River (1989) Michael Farrell takes his employers to court when his daughter falls ill after playing near a river polluted by toxic waste
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Clara's Heart (1988) Neil Patrick Harris forges a strong relationship with his Jamaican nanny (Whoopi Goldberg) during his parents' divorce
10.00 The Enforcer (1976) The third in the *Dirty Harry* series of films starring Clint Eastwood
11.40 Iron Warrior (1985) Sword-and-sorcery adventure starring Miles O'Keefe as the warrior Ator
1.05am Jack's Back (1988) An updated version of the Jack the Ripper story
2.40 Death Wish 4. The Crackdown (1987) Charles Bronson stars as the lone vigilante
4.15 Mafia Princess (1986) The daughter of a Mafia patriarch (Tony Curtis) defies his authority. Ends at 5.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Oklahoma Crude (1973) Faye Dunaway enlists the help of George C. Scott to defend her oil well from Jack Palance
8.15 The Bad News Bears in Breaking Training (1977) William Devane joins the Little League baseball team as coach
10.15 Brother John (1972) Comedy about the second coming of Christ. Starring Sidney Poitier
12.15pm Codename: Emerald (1985) The second world war D-day plans fall into enemy hands. Starring Ed Harris
2.15 Codename Dancer (1987) Kate Capshaw travels to Cuba to free a man who saved her life when she was a secret agent
4.15 The Gift (1979) Two Greek-Australian children win 500 hectares of bushland in Western Australia in the national lottery
6.15 Violets Are Blue (1986) Journalist Sissy Spacek attempts a reconciliation with her recently married boyfriend (Kevin Kline)
8.15 Nightmare at Bitter Creek (1988) Four women back-packers are terrorised by a group of gun-toting locals. Starring Lindsay Wagner and Tom Skerritt
10.15 Slamdance (1987) A cartoonist (Tom Hulce) is framed for a prostitute's murder
11.55 Tree of Hands (1989) An American writer's mentally unbalanced mother gives her a stolen child to replace her recently deceased son. Starring Helen Shaver
1.25am Bat 21 (1988) A real-life drama about a fighter pilot shot down behind enemy lines during the Vietnam war
3.10 Little Fauss and Big Halsey (1970) Michael J. Pollard and Robert Redford star as motorcycle racers. Ends at 4.50

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
10.45am Benson and Hedges Cricket and Test Match Cricket, incl at approx 12.00 Tennis: Monte Carlo Open, featuring Bjorn Borg 6.00pm Grand Prix Motorcycling 10.00 Cricket Highlights 12.00 Motorcycling Grand Prix of the USA

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am Sunrise 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 Ice Hockey World Championships 10.00 Darts Champion of Champions 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 Football Documentary 12.00 Arm Wrestling 12.30pm Big Wheels 1.00 Ice Hockey World Championships 3.30 Dog Racing 4.00 European Cup Men's Basketball 5.00 Spanish Goals 5.30 The London Marathon 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 German Touring Cars 8.00 WWF Wrestling 9.00 Cycling 10.00 Ice Hockey World Championships 12.00 Eurosport News 12.30am Test Match Cricket

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Revs 7.30 Mobil 1 Rally Challenge 8.00 Spain Spain Sport 8.15 Spanish Football Highlights 8.45 Ten Pin Bowling 10.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 11.00 NBA Basketball 1.00pm Motor Sport Indy Car 2.30 Sport de France 3.00 Tenpin Bowling 4.15 US Pro Ski Tour Slalom 5.00 Stop-NHRA Drag Racing 6.00 Tennis: Philips Open De Nice 7.30 Ice Racing 8.00 NHL Ice Hockey 10.00 Powersports International 11.00 World Snooker Classics

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Body Talk 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Divorce Court 2.25 Lifestyle Plus 2.35 Monty Nash 3.05 Remington Steele 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 Doc 4.35 The Great American Gameshows 8.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 JSTV 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox, incl Jukebox Top Five 12.30am Video Vote 2.00 Last Call

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open Univeristy (FM only) 6.55 Weather; News
7.00 Morning Concert: Vivaldi (Concerto in D, La Pastorella, RV 95: Chandos Baroque Players); Handel (Die ihr aus dunkeln Grüften, HWV 208: I Quattro Temperamenti); Mozart (Concerto in G, K 107, No 2: Le Concert Français)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Rameau (Suite, Castor et Pollux: Orchestra of the 18th Century under Brüggen); Fauré (Pelléas et Mélisande, Op 80: Orchestre de Paris under Serge Baudo) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Prokofiev (Suite, The Love for Three Oranges, Op 33a; Visions fugitives, Op 22; The Steel Dance, Op 41a)
9.35 Homage to St George and Shakespeare: Walton (March, A History of the English Speaking Peoples: LPO under Carl Davis), Vaughan Williams (Oboe Concerto: ECO under Barenboim, with Neil Black); Mendelssohn (Overture, A Midsummer Night's Dream: Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Mackerras), Finzi (Suite, Love's Labour's Lost: English String Orchestra under Boughton), Berlioz (Overture, King Lear: SNO under Gibson), Elgar (Falstaff – Symphonic Study, Op 68: Hallé Orchestra under Barbirolli), Harle (St George and the Dragon)
12.00 Concerto Cologne Soloists under Werner Ehrhardt, violin, perform Telemann (Concerto in D for two flutes, violin, cello, strings and continuo; Concerto in E minor for flute, recorder and strings), Bach (Suite for orchestra No 1 in C, BWV 1066) 1.00pm News
1.05 St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Mark van de Wiel, clarinet, Krysia Osostowicz, violin, Julian Jacobson, piano, perform Milhaud (Suite, Le Voyageur sans bagages, Op 157b), Poulenc (Clarinet Sonata), Janáček (Violin Sonata), Bartók (Contrasts)
2.15 Music Weekly (r)
3.00 Mozart and . . . BBC Welsh SO under Maksymiuk performs Mozart (Overture, Magic Flute; Symphony No 38 in D, Prague, K 504); John Pickard (The Flight of Icarus)
3.55 Début: The pianist Nicholas Unwin plays Scarlatti (Sonata in E, Kk 380), Liszt (Petrarch Sonnets, No 104, Années de pèlerinage); Schumann (Novellette No 8 in F sharp minor)
4.25 Cantigas de Amigo: Sinfonye performs La Comtesse di Die (A chantar m'er de so qu'ieu non volria), Bernart de Ventadorn (Conortz, era sai ben; Can vei la lauzeta mover); Martin Codax (Ondas do mar de vigo; Mandad'ei comigo; Mia irmana fremosa treides comigo, Cantigas de Amigo)
4.50 Poulenc and Berkeley: City of London Sinfonia under Hickox performs Poulenc, orch Berkeley (Flute Sonata); Berkeley (Flute Concerto)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear
7.30 RPO under Ashkenazy performs Tcherepnin (Magna Mater), Roslavets (Violin Concerto: Tatjana Grindenko) 8.20 The Soviet Screen 8.40 Prokofiev (Alexander Nevsky: Brighton Festival Chorus)
9.40 Drama Now: The Temptation of Dr William Fosters

● CHOICE: The Devil doesn't only have all the best tunes in Elaine Feinstein's modern morality: he has the *only* tunes. It is the composer/saxophonist Joan Harle who puts music and lyrics into the mouth of Paul Jones's Lucifer, or rather Mephistopheles, because this is a variation of the Faust legend, with Edward Petherbridge as the research scientist whose contract with the commercially astute Prince of Darkness involves handing over the contents of his mind. It's a surprisingly lightweight affair, relying for its ballast on the feminist twist in the Devil's tail and tale

10.35 Allan Feinberg plays Ravel (Menuet antique, Prélude, A la manière de Borodine, Menuet sur le nom d'Haydn), Robert Helps (Hommage à Ravel); Fauré (Barcarolle No 9, Valse-Caprice No 2), Robert Helps (Hommage à Fauré), Liszt (La lugubre gondola – second version), Shulamit Ran (Verticals – first UK performance) 11.40 News
11.45-12.45am Composers of the Week: The Scarlattis (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, Weather 6.10 News, Weather 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 The Moral Maze: Michael Buerk chairs a live investigation into questions of morality raised by the week's news stories (s)
9.45 Ottoman Adventure: Turtles and Tombs. The novelist Joseph Hone's travels in Turkey (4 of 8) (r)
10.00 News; All in the Mind
10.30 Morning Story: Any Old Dream Will Do, by Barbara Walters. Read by Menna Trussler
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News, Citizens (s)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 Dragons of a Feather (new series). Roger Worsley explores the hidden language of birds
12.00 News, You and Yours reports on the threat to Britain's common land
12.25pm The Art of Travel: Martha Gellhorn and the Caribbean. Annette Kobak invites the first of four seasoned travellers to reflect on a past journey (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News, Woman's Hour: Sonia Beesley talks to Bernard Weatherill, MP, the retiring speaker of the House of Commons and asks: will the new speaker be a woman?
3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Questions (FM only)
3.00 News, Thirty-Minute Theatre (LW only): Opportunity Lost, by Albert Welling. If you could suddenly be transferred back in time to the 16th century, what would you ask the world's greatest playwright?
3.32 Richard Barker Compares Notes (LW only) with director Trevor Nunn, and Guy Woolfenden, the RSC's head of music 4.00 News
4.05 Age to Age: Barry Cunliffe reports on the growth of the heritage industry in the past ten years
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Book reviews include Timothy Mo's novel, *The Redundancy of Courage*, and Harold Bloom's *The Book of J*; and Pat Rowe reports on *The Stick Wife* at the Gate Theatre (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Second Thoughts: Foreign Exchange. The third of an eight-part comedy by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Famous for 15 Minutes.

● CHOICE: Stephanie Sweet's story became The Case of the Wronged Landlady and not only was her cause taken up (in verse, what's more) by Robert Graves but it achieved what some may think is an even greater distinction, ending up on the front page of *The Times*. She made legal history appealing to the House of Lords after being convicted on charges arising from her tenants being found smoking cannabis. She tells Jenni Mills tonight that she thinks she made history of another sort, too, when the announcement of the birth of her single-parent baby appeared in the "Personal" columns of *The Times*

8.45 In Touch. Magazine for the visually handicapped
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (broadcast at 4.30pm)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: An Autumn Sowing by E.F. Benson. Read by Denys Hawthorne (2 of 10) (s)
11.00 The Trade Rag: Nursing Times. Nick Baker examines the third of four newspapers and magazines serving different trades and professions (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier Live at the Marquee. Featuring The La's live in concert 9.00 Don't Believe the Hype: Outrage (2 of 3) (r) 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester. The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Brian Hayes 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Sarah Kennedy 4.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Classic Buskers: Michael Copley and Ian Moore celebrate the versatility of the violin (2 of 8) 7.30 Steve Race 9.00 St George's Day Concert: The Sceptred Isle   This England. A celebration of the William Shakespeare and St George 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News, Sport 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Sound Advice 0345 909 693. The Health Service, incl 11.00, 12.00 News, Sport 12.30pm Where Were You In   ? A humorous look at the news and stories from 1979 1.00 News, Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 News, Sport 2.05 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 2.30 World Service: Health Matters 2.45 Europe's World 3.00 News, Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 The World of Books 4.00 News, Sport 4.05 The New Wind of Change in Africa 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 The Kingdom by the Sea, by Robert Westall (7 of 10) 7.35 The Great Numbers Shenanigan. A musical comedy about a Hollywood party at which a rumoured ghost might appear 8.00 Football Extra: Barclays League 9.30 Breaking Into   Professional photography (1 of 2) 10.00 News, Sport 10.10 Hit the North, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather 6.00 World Today 6.09 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Counterpoint 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 New Ideas 8.50 Cue for Song: Elaine Page 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Concert Hall 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report 10.15 They Made Our World: Albert Einstein 10.25 Words 10.30 Europe's World 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Discovery 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Megamix 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 1 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off The Shelf: The Turn of the Screw 3.45 The Havana International Guitar Festival 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Development '91 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Business Matters 11.20 Megamix 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Concert Hall 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Omnibus 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Media-watch 2.45 Country Style 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Development '91 4.00 News 4.08 News About Britain 4.15 Discovery 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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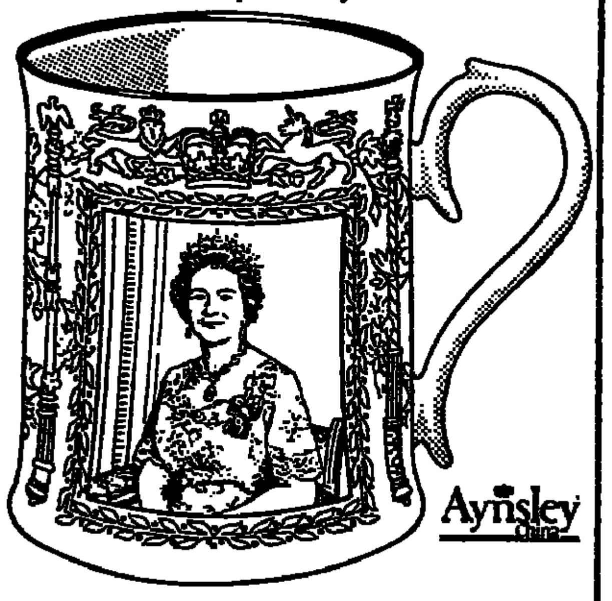

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Monmouth contest rules out June election

By Philip Webster, chief political correspondent

THE government will clearly signal today that it has discounted a June general election by calling a by-election in Monmouth for next month. A writ is expected to be moved in the House of Commons for the contest to take place on May 16.

Conservative and Labour MPs agreed last night that ministers would be unlikely to hold a by-election if they were seriously contemplating going to the country the following month. They would be even less likely to use Monmouth as the final test for a national poll because the only surveys so far have suggested that the Labour party is poised for a strong showing in the Welsh border seat.

Only a surprisingly good performance by the Conservatives in both the May 2 local elections and at Monmouth could turn election predictions on their head. A poll on Friday for BBC Wales showed Labour edging ahead of the Conservatives. The seat was made vacant by the death last month of Sir John Stradling Thomas, who had a majority in 1987 of more than 9,000.

Labour officials were delighted with the poll because it established their candidate as the clear challenger and the most likely recipient of a protest vote against the government. However, the Liberal Democrats said they were relaxed about Friday's poll because early surveys at both Eastbourne and Ribble Valley, where they scored famous victories, had given them little chance.

The likelihood of a June election has been receding in recent weeks because of the government's difficulties over the poll tax and its inability to take a sustained lead in the polls. With better economic news predicted for later in the year, attention will now switch to the autumn.

Some ministers favour a contest in late September or early October. Others prefer using the last day of the Conservative party conference as a launching-pad for an early November general election.

Another powerful lobby in the government would prefer to wait until next year. In the unlikely event of the government deciding in early May to go for a June general election the Monmouth writ would lapse.

1987 general election: John Stradling Thomas 22,387 (47.5 per cent), Katrina Gass (Lab) 13,037 (27.7 per cent), Clive Lindley (SDP/All) 11,313 (24 per cent), Sian Meredudd (Plaid Cymru) 363 (0.8 per cent).

Alarm bells over scope of UK aid

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The role of the British forces in northern Iraq is not yet clear. There was a suggestion that Britain would take sole charge of one of the camps, but it now seems more likely that the marines will help provide security for all the camps.

The question of who pays for operation is to be negotiated between the Treasury, the defence ministry and the Overseas Development Adminstration (ODA). Under an existing agreement, additional costs of deploying military personnel abroad for humanitarian purposes is supposed to be covered by the ODA. But yesterday the ODA said the bill for guarding the camps would have to be met by the MoD. The Treasury said the cost of the operation so far was being met within the budgets of the defence ministry and ODA.

Some MoD officials hope that the Treasury will dip into the government's reserve fund if the cost rises sharply.

CHRIS HARRIS

Paper weight: technicians at the Royal Academy of Arts lifting a sculpture of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother yesterday. The work, called *Papier Mâché Lady*, is one of thousands of offerings from artists for the Summer Exhibition

Princess seeks compassion for Aids sufferers

By Thomson Prentice
medical correspondent

THE Princess of Wales yesterday called for more compassion for Aids and HIV sufferers and for more help for children at risk of the disease.

"HIV does not make people dangerous to know, so you can shake their hands and give them a hug: heaven knows they need it," she told a conference in London. The princess, who last month became patron of the National Aids Trust, spoke of her own encounters in British and American hospitals with dying Aids patients.

Blinkered attitudes threatened to turn the epidemic into "a plague that would create fear and suspicion among far more people than those directly affected by it", she told the conference, organised by the trust and the National Children's Bureau.

Catherine Peckham, a professor at the Institute of Child Health in London, told the conference that 1,553 women in Britain were known to have HIV, and had given birth to 288 children. Of 83 babies diagnosed with the infection, 17 had died of Aids, and the HIV status of another 125 had not yet been determined. One infant in seven was likely to be infected at birth. In some parts of London, one in 2,000 pregnant women had been found to have the virus.

Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, said that 56 children in Britain had developed Aids and about half had died. The government was playing a central role in developing services for children with HIV and Aids and for their families, she said.

Pavlov risks all to stop Soviet decline

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engineering firms. Mr Pavlov, whose plan calls for restrictions on rallies and strikes and an "emergency regime" in key sectors such as electricity and transport, hinted that troops should be used to break picket lines. "You cannot make somebody work by force, but you can use force to ensure that people who want to work, can work," he told reporters. He said that at some coal pits in the Ukraine were blocked by pickets who included elected politicians.

Asked about the proposals for a six-month state of emergency by the Soyuz parliamentary group, whose hardline leaders are critical of Mr Gorbachev's role as president, Mr Pavlov said he agreed that strict regimes were necessary "in certain sectors and in certain regions". He cited the railway strike being mounted by the government of Georgia as one example. The labour action has snarled transport over a wide area of southern Russia and prompted Moscow to threaten to impose a total blockade on the independence-minded republic.

Mr Pavlov said there had at been at least one instance of intruders trying to seize an electric power station and take control of part of the national grid, though he did not specify where. "Such incidents are fraught with dire effects," he said, adding that the organisers of illegal strikes should be held "financially and criminally responsible".

Mr Pavlov said he had no objection to coal mines switching from the jurisdiction of the Soviet authorities to those of the Russian Federation, seen as a possible solution to the labour unrest in Western Siberia and the Arctic Pechora region. But he was sceptical of the idea, that his plans, which include price deregulation and privatisation, are virtually unenforceable without the consent of the republics and opposition groups.

He said republican representatives were present when the cabinet considered the plan on Saturday, and when asked about a "round table" grouping all sides of the political spectrum, he dismissively snapped: "Who I am supposed to talk to?"

Mr Gorbachev watched the debate impassively as deputies took turns to lament the dire state of the economy and plead that living standards should not be cut too harshly.

Political sketch

Deathly hush for an innocent slip

SPEARHEADING Labour's dynamic new upbeat bid for youth-appeal yesterday was a backbench initiative on the funeral industry. But first came questions to Lynda Chalker, back from the Iraqi frontier, with a new hairdo.

Dennis Canavan (Lab, Falkirk W) accused the minister of "patronising" Kurdish children by offering them chocs. Mrs Chalker (reportedly taken by many Kurds to be the Queen) responded angrily. The chocs were donated for the kids: "What could I do? Keep them?"

Heaven forbid! Very few MPs can afford to relax efforts on calorie-control, and Mrs Chalker is just right as she is.

It was Lawrence Cunliffe (Lab, Leigh) to whom fell the happy task of recommending the latest proposals for the Opposition's unfolding industrial strategy for the Nineties (or, in this case, the over-nineties). He embraced his duty with gloomy relish.

Mr Cunliffe wanted us to consider a funeral undertakers' national council. (FUNco?) This organisation (he did not call it a body) would provide "consumer" protection. Mr Cunliffe added (in grim Northern tones, like *Peter Simple*'s crag-visaged Alderman Foodbotham, chairman of fine arts and tramways) that "offences" and "penalties" would be defined by FUNCo.

This was, he said, "a contracting industry", a conclusion that Mr Cunliffe had based on the observation that people were living longer. Your sketchwriter will confine himself to reporting feelings of vague unease at this point in the Cunliffian logic. After all, to say that more people are dying is not necessarily the same as to say that people are dying more. Perhaps he meant that people were being born less?

But then Cunliffe's parliamentary task was a sensitive one. There are so many words you have to avoid in a debate like this. Taking care not to say that this was a grave matter, or one that should not be undertaken lightly, nor to call for stiff penalties, still less to implore the government not to kill the idea, Mr Cunliffe approached the challenge rather as one who attempts that fairground "steady-hand" test where you have to pass a narrow hoop all the way along a tortuously twisted electrified wire: touch it, and a bell rings.

Mr Cunliffe did well for nearly an hour. Often incoherent, he was never offensive. Then, just as we thought the bell would never ring, his hand slipped. He intended, he told the House, "to lift the lid" on this industry. No one laughed.

It was no laughing matter. Mr Cunliffe painted a worrying picture of the need for state control. As he began to tell of a "rip-off" in the pricing of coffins, imaginations took wing, departing his speech. Soon we were gripped by a horrifying vision of a Britain in which, all over the nation, undertakers were shaking out the upturned piggy-banks of tear-blinded and grief-stricken widows; stumbling, giggling pall-bearers were tossing their cargo into unroadworthy hearses; and corpses were everywhere bursting from makeshift coffins. We must legislate at once! It was incredible to think we have survived for 2,000 years without a FUNCo.

As I left the chamber, Mr Cunliffe had been on his feet for an hour and 20 minutes. Conservative whips (who, fearful that their side would run out of speakers, had apparently been cornering backbenchers in dark corridors, begging them to develop, on the instant, strong views about rigor mortis) were beginning to relax.

Mr Cunliffe was just warming up. Sorry.

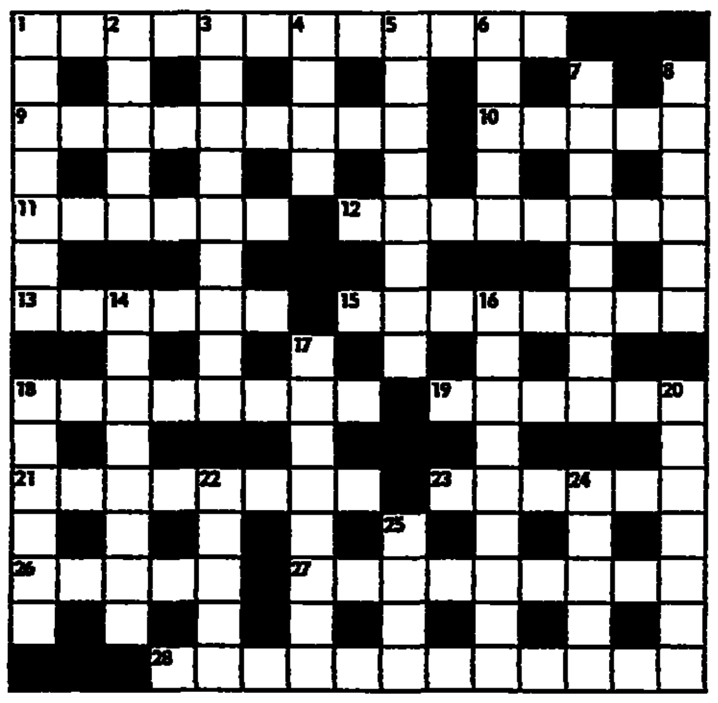
Matthew Parris

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Home affairs: Today Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, will unveil the government's plans for a property tax to replace the community charge. He will also publish a white paper opening the door to the biggest reorganisation of local government since 1974. Full details and comment in *The Times*

Return of a champion: Bjorn Borg plays again. Years after retiring, the man with the headband and nerves of steel steps onto a tennis court in anger again. Andrew Longmore reports from Monte Carlo

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,587



ACROSS

1 Ring in good condition (5,2,1,4).
9 Piano put on one side, to be instrumental (4,1,4).
10 One is unlikely to make a sound (5).
11 By the sound of it, I did not prevent a hole (6).
12 Asked to be hunted (8).
13 Call animal in, brought back from abroad (6).
15 Prone to abash by stern looks (4,4).
18 I may be seen in a car or at the track (8).
19 One who does the chores fetched some firewood (6).
21 No amateur cast is this intense (8).
23 Left out of climb up bank (6).
26 Still no shilling to put in (5).
27 Drink given by private to drunken general (6-3).
28 Worth a groat to a person hit (9,3).

DOWN

1 Top-quality drink given to soldiers (7).
2 Country has for instance overthrown tradition (5).
3 Feigned an awfully noisy ... (9).
4 ... vehicle, say — wow! (4).
5 Pavement is, incidentally (2,3,3).
6 Travelling, one needs this foreign language (5).
7 Monotonous concert (8).
8 One battery terminal corroded and worn down (6).
14 25 finished a quick survey (4-4).
16 Without me alliance breaks up, losing a hundred in the battle (2,7).
17 Generate trouble for a youngster (8).
18 Agent, with some help, made recompense (6).
20 Make a mistake in conclusions — misrepresent the mean size of the earth (7).
22 A garden party is better (5).
24 Excellent assassin (5).
25 1÷100 x 1 (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,586

R	E	S	E	R	V	E	D		A	F	I	E	L	D
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C		U		N		D		N		L		G		A
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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

ABIOSIS
a. Understress on a syllable
b. Absent-mindedness
c. Absence of life

MOMISM
a. Mother worship
b. Clownishness
c. An early Christian heresy

SHOFAR
a. A ram's horn
b. A hired driver
c. An unleavened biscuit

CALATHUS
a. A writer's quill
b. A trochaic metre
c. Symbol of fruitfulness

Answers on page 18

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WEATHER

Central and eastern England will start cold but should soon brighten up. With the Midlands and most of southern England, the rest of the day should see some sunshine. Wales and western districts will have more cloud and over north Wales a little drizzle. Temperatures will rise to about normal. Scotland will be cloudy with rain at times. Outlook: dry and bright in south, overcast in north

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	f	Madrid	13	55	s
Akrotiri	22	72	s	Majorca	14	57	f
Alex'dria	31	88	s	Malaga	15	59	r
Algiers	15	59	f	Malta	17	63	f
Amst'dm	8	46	f	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Athens	22	72	f	Miami*	29	84	f
Barbads*	29	84	f	Milan	9	48	c
Barcelna	9	48	r	Montreal*	5	41	r
Belgrade	11	52	s	Moscow	4	39	c
Berlin	9	48	f	Munich	9	48	f
Bermuda*	22	72	r	Naples	16	61	f
Biarritz	12	54	s	N Delhi	34	93	s
Borde'x	11	52	c	N York*	7	45	r
Brussels	7	45	c	Nice	12	54	s
Budapst	11	52	c	Oslo	7	45	c
B Aires*	20	68	s	Paris	7	45	c
Cairo	36	97	f	Peking	25	77	s
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Perth	22	72	c
C'blanca	19	66	f	Prague	9	48	f
Chicago*	12	54	s	Reykjavik	5	41	f
Ch'church	10	50	s	Rhodes	22	72	s
Cologne	8	46	r	Rio de J	24	75	s
C'phagn	3	37	r	Riyadh	35	95	s
Corfu	18	64	s	Rome	14	57	s
Dublin	10	50	c	Salzburg	9	48	f
Dubrovnik	14	57	s	S F'risco*	16	61	s
Faro	17	63	f	Santiago*	13	55	c
Florence	13	55	s	S Paulo*	20	68	c
Frankfurt	7	45	f	Seoul	19	66	s
Funchal	18	64	s	Sing'por	30	86	f
Geneva	10	50	s	St'kholm	5	41	f
Gibraltar	14	57	r	Strasb'rg	11	52	f
Helsinki	3	37	sn	Tangier	14	57	r
Hong K	21	70	c	Tel Aviv	24	75	f
Innsbrck	9	48	f	Tenerife	20	68	c
Istanbul	14	57	f	Tokyo	19	66	s
Jeddah	39	102	s	Toronto*	6	43	c
Jo'burg*	22	72	s	Tunis	14	57	f
Karachi	35	95	s	Valencia	14	57	f
L Palmas	21	70	c	Vanc'ver*	14	57	s
Le Tquet	9	48	f	Venice	11	52	c
Lisbon	17	63	s	Vienna	9	48	f
Locarno	6	43	c	Warsaw	3	37	sn
L Angels*	17	63	s	Wash'ton*	11	52	r
Luxembg	3	37	c	Wel'nton	11	52	c
Luxor	43	109	s	Zurich	9	48	f

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.315	2.165
Austria Sch	22.00	20.60
Belgium Fr	64.30	60.30
Canada $	2.09	1.94
Denmark Kr	11.91	11.21
Finland Mkk	7.38	6.93
France Fr	10.48	9.83
Germany Dm	3.12	2.92
Greece Dr	334	314
Hong Kong $	13.90	12.90
Ireland Pt	1.165	1.095
Italy Lira	2310	2170
Japan Yen	252	235
Netherlands Gld	3.505	3.295
Norway Kr	12.10	11.40
Portugal Esc	268.50	250.50
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.90
Spain Pta	191.50	178.50
Sweden Kr	11.15	10.47
Switzerland Fr	2.62	2.45
Turkey Lira	7150	6350
USA $	1.79	1.67
Yugoslavia Dnr	50.00	30.00

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MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 10.2 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	7.3	.06	9	48	shower
Anglesey	3.4	.15	12	54	bright
Aviemore	3.2	.18	8	46	snow
Belfast	5.3	.10	11	52	shower
Birmingham	0.9	.20	11	52	hail
Blackpool	5.0	.09	10	50	sunny
Bognor Regis	9.2	-	9	48	sunny
Bournemouth	7.3	-	11	52	sunny
Brighton	10.1	-	10	50	sunny
Bristol	0.5	-	10	50	cloudy
Buxton	1.9	.04	8	46	bright
Cardiff	2.6	-	10	50	bright
Cromer	3.3	.04	10	50	sunny
Douglas	6.0	.10	10	50	shower
Edinburgh	5.6	.09	12	54	shower
Exmouth	6.9	-	11	52	sunny
Falmouth	1.0	.02	10	50	cloudy
Folkestone	8.4	-	10	50	sunny
Glasgow	7.4	.03	13	55	shower
Guernsey	6.1	-	12	54	bright
Hastings	9.1	-	10	50	sunny
Hunstanton	3.2	.02	9	48	shower
Jersey	3.8	.01	11	52	cloudy
Kinloss	3.2	.19	9	48	shower
Leeds	4.0	-	12	54	bright
Lerwick	5.4	.11	5	41	snow
Nottingham	1.5	.02	11	52	rain
Penzance	2.0	.13	12	54	cloudy
Poole	7.8	-	12	54	sunny
Sandown	5.7	-	10	50	sunny
Scarborough	3.4	.02	10	50	cloudy
Scilly Isles	8.9	.19	13	55	shower
Shanklin	8.7	-	10	50	sunny
Southend	8.0	-	10	50	sunny
Southsea	9.7	-	11	52	sunny
St. Ives	6.5	.10	11	52	sunny
Stornoway	3.5	.13	7	45	hail
Swanage	9.6	-	11	52	sunny
Teignmouth	6.6	-	11	52	sunny
Tenby	-	.01	11	52	cloudy
Tiree	6.8	.13	10	50	shower
Torquay	6.8	-	12	54	sunny
Weymouth	10.6	-	11	52	sunny
Wick	5.2	.20	7	45	hail

These are Sunday's figures

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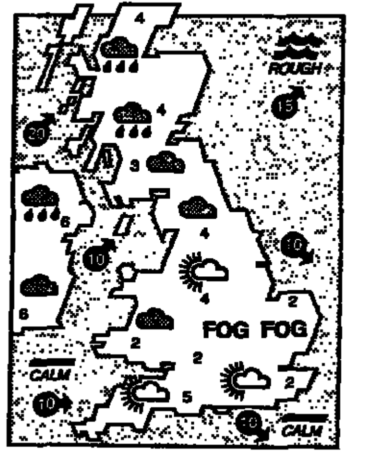

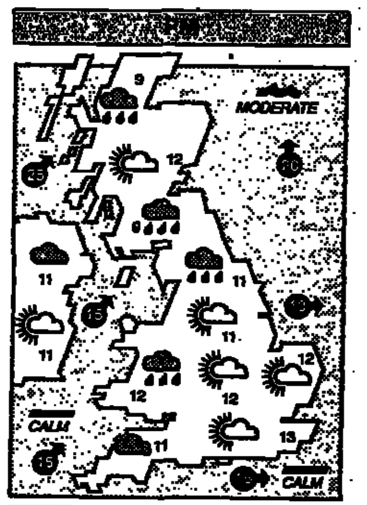

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	f	Guernsey	9	48	c
B'rmghm	9	48	f	Inverness	7	45	c
Blackpool	9	48	s	Jersey	9	48	f
Bristol	9	48	f	London	10	50	c
Cardiff	11	52	f	M'nchster	10	50	f
Edinburgh	8	46	c	Newcastle	7	45	f
Glasgow	9	48	s	R'nldsway	9	48	f

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Leuchars, Fife, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, 0.28 in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, Sussex, East Sussex, 11.0 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.10 pm to 5.47 am
Bristol 8.19 pm to 5.57 am
Edinburgh 8.35 pm to 5.47 am
Manchester 8.23 pm to 5.50 am
Penzance 8.28 pm to 6.12 am

Sun rises: 5.49 am
Sun sets: 8.10 pm
Moon sets 3.34 am
Moon rises 2.10 pm
Full moon April 28

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 10.1 hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.40	6.2	10.07	6.0
Aberdeen	9.43	3.6	10.39	3.5
Avonmouth	2.36	10.5	3.27	10.4
Belfast	7.07	3.1	8.19	2.8
Cardiff	2.23	9.8	3.12	9.8
Devonport	1.18	4.5	2.15	4.3
Dover	7.24	5.4	7.57	5.5
Falmouth	12.46	4.3	1.45	4.1
Glasgow	7.52	4.2	9.44	4.0
Harwich	7.39	3.4	8.03	3.2
Holyhead	6.33	4.7	7.28	4.6
Hull	2.21	6.0	2.31	6.1
Ilfracombe	1.42	7.3	2.33	7.2
King's Lynn	2.33	5.1	2.49	5.3
Leith	10.54	4.7	11.37	4.6

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	7.14	7.8	8.04	7.7
Lowestoft	6.00	2.1	5.30	2.1
Margate	8.02	4.1	8.19	4.1
Milford Haven	2.02	5.5	2.54	5.4
Newquay	1.02	5.6	1.53	5.5
Oban	2.45	3.1	3.27	2.9
Penzance	12.37	4.5	1.30	4.3
Portland	2.07	1.5	3.24	1.4
Portsmouth	7.35	3.8	8.21	4.1
Shoreham	7.14	4.9	8.05	5.3
Southampton	7.08	3.8	8.03	4.1
Swansea	2.07	7.4	2.57	7.3
Tees	11.52	4.5		
W'ton-on-Nze	7.41	3.6	8.07	3.4

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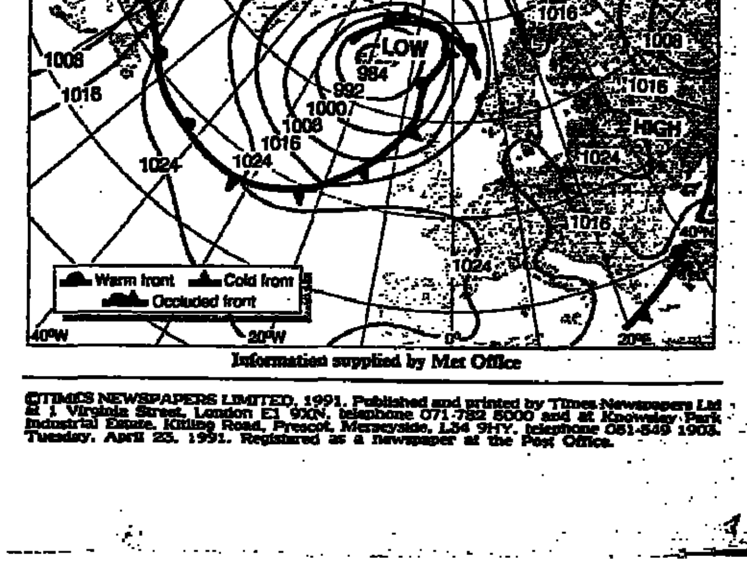

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Business Editor
John Bell

EC dispute casts shadow over new Toyota factory

From Philip Bassett
in Tokyo

TOYOTA, Japan's largest car manufacturer, has given warning that continuing disagreement over the level of Japanese car imports in the European Community threatens the further development of the company's new factory in Derbyshire.

The warning, given yesterday, will put pressure on EC member states, such as France and Italy, that want to maintain or extend restrictions on Japanese car import quotas. Toyota has not previously cast doubt on the next phase of production at its £700 million factory at Burnaston, near Derby.

The plant's shell is nearly complete, and production of the first of a planned 100,000 1.8 litre saloon cars annually by 1995 will start in December next year. Toyota revealed yesterday that machinery development costs for the plant are currently up to 5 per cent over budget.

Toyota will decide in the next two years whether to extend that production target to take up the plant's planned capacity of 200,000 cars. Junji Numata, Toyota managing director, said the plan to increase capacity, or the timing of the increase, could have to be modified if the EC argument remained unresolved.

Mr Numata, said at Toyota City, the company's headquarters in Japan, that the British government's help was sought in the European dispute. Referring to Toyota cars to be built in Derbyshire, he said: "What they *could do* is to make sure that a British-made car will have free circulation throughout Europe, with no political restrictions."

He believed France, Italy and Spain would have to drop their opposition to more Japanese cars in Europe, although he forecast that there would be no significant increase in car imports to Europe from Japan.

Toyota believed that because of poor production quality, the eastern European car industry would be hit hardest by the arrival of another Japanese volume car manufacturer in Europe. Shoichiro Toyoda, president of Toyota, said: "We are very much determined to be successful in your [the European] market." He added that a third of the engines to be produced at Toyota's other new plant, at Shotton, north Wales, would be exported to Japan.

Nissan is to export finished cars made at its plant in Washington, Tyne & Wear, to Japan this summer, and Toyota expects to do the same when production begins. European content of the car produced in Derby will be 60 per cent initially, with half of the 100 European suppliers being British companies.

Toyota said it would meet leaders of the principal British trade unions in September, before deciding whether to recognise a union to negotiate on behalf of the plant's planned 3,000 employees, who will begin to be recruited next year. Although Toyota is still examining the option of not recognising a union, as Honda did at its factory at Swindon, Gloucestershire, Mr Numata believed a non-union factory was a "remote possibility", unless the unions could not meet the company's desires totally. But he praised the greater moderation and flexibility now being shown by unions in Britain.

A no-strike agreement looks unlikely to be required by Toyota at Burnaston. Mr Numata said the company, in reaching a labour relations agreement, would not be trying to take advantage of Britain's economic problems. He said: "We don't want to take any hard bargaining line just because the UK economy is very bad or unemployment is very bad."

Tesco pays chairman almost £1.5m

SIR Ian MacLaurin, chairman of Tesco, was paid almost £1.5 million in the last financial year, the report and accounts reveal. His £390,000 salary was topped up with performance-related incentive payments of £1.09 million.

Last time Sir Ian earned £345,000. Other Tesco directors had similar pay rises in the year to February 23, as a result of the incentive payments scheme, linked to earnings per share growth and introduced in 1987, because the first payments under the scheme, covering all three financial years to February 1990, were only made during the latest financial year.

Next year, Sir Ian and the rest of the board will receive only one year's performance-related bonus.

The total amount for six of the eight executive directors has already been set at £1.8 million for the 1990-91 financial year, on top of their normal salaries.

Earnings per share grew from 7.81p in 1986-87 to 13.35p in 1989-90. Last year, Tesco's pre-tax profits rose 20 per cent to £436 million.

Dow falls

The Dow Jones industrial average was 39.6 points lower at 2,925.99 on Wall Street at lunchtime as the market continued to correct after its earlier rally through the 3,000 barrier. As well as profit-taking, analysts blamed the authorities' continuing reluctance to cut interest rates.

Debts cost £4m

Bad debts cost Travis Perkins, the builders merchant, £4 million last year and were the biggest single factor behind a 38 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £20.4 million. An unchanged final dividend of 5.5p makes 8p (8p).

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Stake grows

Fuchs Group, the German lubricants company, spoke for 56 per cent of Century Oils after further share purchases in the market. On Friday, Century reluctantly recommended Fuchs' increased offer of 145p a share in cash although the board insisted the improved terms still undervalued the company.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6930 (−0.0320)

German mark
2.9882 (−0.0047)

Exchange index
91.6 (−0.6)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1954.4 (−25.7)

FT-SE 100
2490.8 (−29.3)

New York Dow Jones
2929.95 (−35.64)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
26237.01 (−304.96)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		
News Corp	428p	(+22p)
H Boot	577½p	(+25p)
Hammerson 'A'	630p	(+15p)
FALLS:		
Redland	573p	(−15p)
RMC Group	650p	(−14p)
A McAlpine	296p	(−11p)
Amec	234½p	(−18p)
Allied Lyons	525½p	(−10p)
Bass	953½p	(−15p)
Grand Met	788p	(−11p)
Gestetner	212½p	(−20p)
Fisons	474p	(−12p)
BOC	571p	(−10p)
Carlton Comm	445p	(−14p)
British Aerospace	614p	(−10p)
Burmah Castrol	572½p	(−12p)
Clayform	56½p	(−13p)
P&O	590p	(−13p)
Legal & General	440½p	(−11p)
Royal	447p	(−18p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 11⅞-11¹³⁄₁₆%
3-month eligible bills: 11⅝-11¼%
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 5¹³⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.72-5.70%*
30-year bonds 95¹¹⁄₁₆-95²³⁄₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6930	£: $1.6930*
£: DM2.9882	$: DM1.7660*
£: SwFr2.5023	$: SwFr1.4795*
£: FFr10.0840	$: FFr5.9470*
£: Yen235.84	$: Yen139.35*
£: Index:91.6	$: Index:67.1
ECU £0.689774	SDR £0.771510
£: ECU1.449750	£: SDR1.296159

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $356.25 pm-$356.40
close $355.75-356.25 (£210.25-210.75)
New York:
Comex $357.25-357.75*

NORTH SEA

Brent (May) ..... $19.95 bbl ($19.45)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 131.4 March (1987=100)

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Consumers rush to beat VAT increase

Leap in retail sales sets 11-year record

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

RETAIL sales leapt 3.7 per cent last month, the biggest monthly rise for more than 11 years.

But Treasury officials were quick to stress that the provisional data were "highly distorted" by consumers rushing to beat the rise in VAT and taking advantage of extra shopping days over Easter.

City economists largely dismissed the surprise surge in volume sales, seeing it as a one-off event and finding little underlying change in consumer spending. Most said talk of a shopping recovery was premature.

Government hopes of the economy starting to recover this summer rest on consumers regaining sufficient confidence to lead the way out of recession. But most economic pointers suggest the recession has some way to go.

The March rise in retail sales was the biggest since a 7 per cent jump in June 1979 when consumers went on a shopping spree before a near-doubling of VAT to 15 per cent.

Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, recalled that the June 1979 rise was followed in July by a 10 per cent fall. "The problem is one of stolen spending from the months ahead. The March rise will probably be more than reversed next month," he said.

In value terms, last month's retail sales totalled £12.2 billion, up 8 per cent on March last year. The forecasts for March had centred on a volume rise of 0.5 per cent, after a seasonally adjusted 0.1 per cent fall in February. Compared with March 1990, sales were 2.0 per cent higher. The latest Confederation of British Industry survey suggested only a modicum of growth in retail sales on a year-on-year basis.

Neil MacKinnon chief economist at Yamaichi Securities, said: "The consumer has no incentive yet to go on a spending spree. The next set of figures is likely to show the March rise was just a one-off.

He said the VAT hike contained in the Budget will prove to be a "big mistake", as it will have a dampening effect on future consumer spending.

In the first quarter of this year, volume sales were 0.9 per cent up on the final 1990 quarter, but still 0.6 per cent below the first quarter last year, despite the March surge.

Reversing the pattern seen during the recession so far, all sectors showed higher sales in March, except food. Sales of household goods displayed particular strength.

Kevin Darlington, economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said the data reflected improved consumer confidence since the end of the Gulf war and interest rate cuts. He expects consumer spending to start rising now.

However, Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International, sees little to suggest a sustained recovery in consumer spending, as unemployment rises sharply and wages are squeezed.

- Employment will go on falling until spring 1993, with no growth until 1994, says Business Strategies Limited.

Dollar at 16-month high against mark

By Our Economics Correspondent

THE dollar continued its advance, reaching a 16-month high against the mark in New York, as the crushing defeat of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats in German regional elections further undermined market sentiment for the mark.

Remarks from a Bundesbank official, saying the bank had no target rate exchange rate, combined with signs that the Group of Seven leading economies are in disarray over policy co-ordination to push the mark lower.

The apparent G-7 split fuelled speculation that there would be no central bank intervention to hold back the dollar before finance ministers and central bankers meet in Washington next weekend.

The mark plunged more than 3 pfennigs against the dollar, ending in London at DM1.7660. Sterling stayed on the sidelines, gaining a little against the uncertain mark during the day, but easing back to close almost half a pfennig down at DM2.9881. Against the surging dollar it slumped 3.20 cents to $1.6930. The trade-weighted sterling index was 0.6 down at 91.6.

The market largely ignored the March retail sales figure, which showed a 3.7 per cent surge, considering the data distorted. Today's trade figures should give more guidance. On the stock exchange, the FT-SE 100 index ended 29.3 points lower at 2,490.8, its lowest in three weeks.

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Names sue Lloyd's for £5m

By Our City Staff

THIRTY-three names yesterday launched a £5 million damages action against Lloyd's of London, alleging that it had failed to protect their interests properly.

Michael Lyndon-Stanford, QC, representing 24 claimants at the High Court in London, alleged Lloyd's had failed to disclose the results of an enquiry in 1981 into the Oakeley Vaughan underwriting agency. The investigation resulted in three directors of Oakeley Vaughan admitting unauthorised procedures including "netting" — not declaring the full amount of a contract. They were suspended for two years.

Mr Lyndon-Stanford said the enquiry recommended Oakeley Vaughan be sold or new directors brought in, but matters dragged on throughout 1982. Lloyd's never communicated the matters they knew about Oakeley Vaughan to the names, other than by a press release and a notice in a room at Lloyd's. Nor did it suspend Oakeley Vaughan.

David Johnson, QC, for Lloyd's, said it had not told the names directly about Oakeley Vaughan, but "Lloyd's had no reason to doubt that the names were informed by the agency." The case was adjourned until next Monday.

Ratners feels pinch of recession

TED BATH

Knotty problem: Gerald Ratner, before reporting the effects of recession on Ratners Group profits, yesterday

RATNERS GROUP plc

TEENAGE Mutant Hero Turtles helped to boost Ratners Group sales at Christmas with their watches, but even they were unable to reverse the effects of the recession. Ratners' pre-tax profits fell from £122 million to £112 million on sales up 24 per cent at £1.11 billion (Gillian Bowditch writes).

After stripping out property profits and exceptional items, the group managed pre-tax profit growth of 3.5 per cent, which was in line with the City's expectations. Earnings per share fell 9.2 per cent to 23.6p, largely because of the acquisition of Kay Jewelers in America. The final dividend is 7.6p, making 10p for the full year, up 5.3 per cent.

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Mahon set to report £35m loss

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

GUINNESS Mahon Holdings, the small merchant bank controlled by Bank of Yokohama, has written off almost 10 per cent of its loan book in the face of a series of problems in client companies and is having to raise a further £50 million of capital to inject into its banking business.

Geoffrey Bell, the chairman, warned shareholders that the group was likely to disclose a net loss of about £35 million when it reports results for the six months to end-March after making a further £30 million of provisions against loans made by Guinness Mahon, its banking subsidiary. The remaining losses stem mostly from unpaid interest.

Having paid an interim dividend of 80p a share in each of the past two years, the group is likely to pay nothing this time. Guinness Mahon shares, which reached 154p early last year, fell a further 9p to 41p yesterday, cutting the group's market valuation to £27 million.

The board has yet to complete details of the cash injection, which should be announced with results within two weeks. The Bank of Yokohama, which owns 65 per cent of the group, has backed the refinancing.

Bishopsgate Trust, controlled by Robert Maxwell, owns 9 per cent and UBS Phillips & Drew, the securities house, speaks for 3 per cent.

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GEC-Alsthom wins £1bn train contract

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

A CONSORTIUM led by GEC-Alsthom has secured a £1 billion contract to supply 100 high-speed TGV train units to SNCF, the French state-owned railway operator.

The double-deck trains are capable of carrying 35 per cent more passengers than conventional single-deck units.

GEC-Alsthom is a 50-50 joint venture between the General Electric Company of Britain and Alcatel Alsthom of France. Partners in the TGV project are ANF Industrie and De Dietrich.

The train units, comprising two power cars and eight coaches, will be assembled at the GEC Alsthom plant at Belfort, France.

The first train in an initial batch of 45 will be delivered in the summer of 1994. Full production on the trains will not be reached until the summer of 1995, when the rate should reach three trains a month.

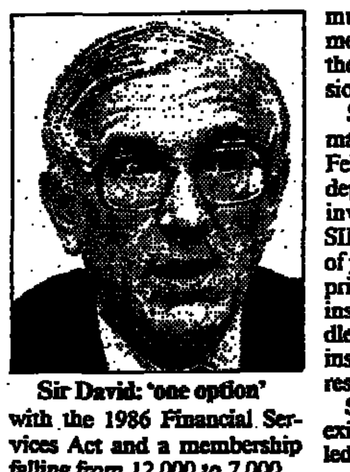
SIB may freeze out polarisation

By Sara McConnell

THE Securities and Investments Board yesterday began a review of the British investment industry which could bring a further weakening of rules by which banks, building societies and other advisers sell financial products.

Sir David Walker, the SIB chairman, introduced a short discussion document and hinted at the dropping of the polarisation rule which forces banks and building societies to sell just one company's products or advise on many.

The review could also see the end of Fimbra, the regulator of Britain's independent financial advisers which was forced to make 40 out of 190 headquarters staff redundant earlier this year because of financial difficulties caused by the rising costs of complying with the 1986 Financial Services Act and a membership falling from 12,000 to 7,000.



Sir David: 'one option'

Originally, it was hoped the building societies would be key members of the independent sector but many had become tied agents after the abolition in 1988 of the maximum commissions arrangement which had prevented them negotiating big commissions from insurers.

Sir Gordon Downey, chairman of Fimbra, pleaded in February with the trade department for a review of investment regulation. The SIB is proposing that instead of polarisation, a fundamental principle of the 1986 Act, institutions could steer a middle course, as agents of several insurance companies as in the rest of Europe.

Sir David admitted that the existing polarisation rules had led all the high street banks and building societies except the Bradford & Bingley and NatWest to tie with a single company.

He also observed that strenuous lobbying by high street financial institutions succeeded in bending the polarisation rules to allow them to set up independent financial services arms where customers could buy policies from insurance companies other than the one for which the institution was an agent.

Not surprisingly, building societies and banks welcomed the idea of tying to more than one insurer. Many original tied arrangements with a single company are due for review and will not be renewed because of poor service and investment performance.

Sir David said multi-tied agents were just one option and there may be no change to the polarisation rules. However if multi-tied agents become a reality, they would need to be regulated directly.

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Few British jobs will overlap

AT&T may win NCR with $7.5bn

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

NCR, the American data processing equipment group, seems willing to recommend an increased $7.48 billion takeover bid from American Telephone and Telegraph.

AT&T confirmed it was prepared to lift its initial $90 a share paper offer to $110 after weekend talks. But NCR appeared yesterday to be seeking an undertaking from AT&T that the value of the bid would be insulated from market fluctuations.

An NCR spokesman said: "We're asking for reasonable assurance from AT&T that they would provide NCR shareholders with $110 in value at the time of the closing" He said Chuck Exley, NCR's chairman, "would be prepared to recommend the transaction to the board".

AT&T launched its bid for America's fifth largest computer company four months ago after failing to make the impact it sought by developing its own machines.

Both bidder and target have substantial operations in the United Kingdom. However, it appears that overlap between operations here may be relatively limited.

AT&T's largest British activity is AT&T Istel, a systems house which also specialises in providing private data networks. NCR has 55,000 workers. Of those, 8,600 are in continental Europe. Most are engaged in sales and marketing, but about 1,000 are employed at Augsburg, near Munich, Germany, making desktop computers.

NCR has 3,600 employees in Britain. Dundee, Tayside, is the world centre of NCR's development and manufacture of automated teller machines (ATMs) for banks and financial companies.

The Dundee plant and a subsidiary operation at Dunfermline, Fife, together employ 1,400 people.

Thanks to the success of the Dunfermline activity, NCR is world market leader in ATMs. In 1990 it made 51 per cent of ATMs installed, and 75 per cent of those installed in Britain. Even NCR's American ATM sales are sourced from Britain.

NCR employs another 2,200 in its United Kingdom sales and marketing operation. It sells cheque sorting machines and and electronic point of sale machines.

Turnover of NCR activities in Britain last year was £335 million, generating an operating profit of £53.6 million.

Europa becomes victim of recession

By Robert Rodwell

BELFAST'S Europa Hotel, which has survived a number of bomb attempts over the past 20 years, has become a victim of high interest rates and the recession.

Stoy Hayward, the accountant, was yesterday appointed receiver to Emerald Hotels, the Ulster company that also runs the Lancaster Gate hotel in London's Bayswater, two hotels in Londonderry, and hotels in County Donegal in the Republic of Ireland and Calgary in Canada.

Emerald was formed in 1981 when it purchased the Europa from Grand Metropolitan. Two years ago, it bought the Lancaster Gate hotel in an £11.5 million deal. Emerald borrowed heavily, however, to fund its expansion and to complete extensions of the public function rooms at the Europa.

A spokesman for the receiver said high interest rates and difficult trading conditions in the United Kingdom's hotel industry meant that Emerald was unable to meet loan repayments.

The spokesman stressed, however, that all the group's hotels would continue to operate normally and bookings would be honoured.

Emerald's associated companies, which mainly include the operation of mobile catering units and running bars and restaurants, will also come under the receiver's control.

Emerald has debts of £23 million.

Misfortune cookies: Debbi Fields, the firm's founder

Fields' shares crumble

SHARES in Mrs Fields, the cookie company, crumbled from 15½p to 11p as the company gave warning that it expected to report a net loss for 1990, when preliminary figures are available towards the end of next month.

Mrs Fields, brought to the London stock market by Debbi Fields, its founder, in 1986, reported a $2.6 million loss for the first half of last year, when borrowings were £71 million, or twice shareholders' funds. For all of 1989, Mrs Fields made a pre-tax profit of $1.5 million. At one point in 1987, the shares were changing hands at 274p.

Receivers appointed at Cronite offshoots

By Martin Barrow

RECEIVERS have been appointed to two subsidiaries of Cronite, the alloy and metals processor, after an investigation into suspected irregularities in management accounts.

Cronite Alloys and Abtex were placed into receivership after Arthur Andersen, the auditor, filed a report on the subsidiaries' financial position. Cronite also announced plans to close or dispose of Cronite Hy-Tech Machining and North American Cronite.

The Arthur Andersen report concluded that the Alloys management had accounted for income of £400,000 that subsequently failed to materialise and overstated stock values by £500,000. Trading difficulties at Abtex were exacerbated by misappropriations of stock, according to Cronite.

In the 12 months to end-September last, Cronite earned pre-tax profits of £1.22 million. Reviewed accounts for the five months to end-February, based on the report, reveal pre-tax losses of £2.18 million and extraordinary charges of £1.18 million in closure costs. Continuing businesses earned profits of £262,000, but there will be no interim dividend.

Jim Butler, chairman of Cronite, said the enquiry was undertaken with the support of the group's bankers, who continued to make available facilities of up to a maximum of £8.2 million.

Cronite shares, resumed trading at 20p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Greggs buys London shops and bakery

GREGGS, the Tyneside-based retail baker strongest in Scotland and the North of England, is expanding further into London by acquiring 12 shops and one bakery in Enfield from the receivers of Hibberds. Greggs has also agreed to buy a 2.5 acre site to build a bakery to supply its expanding chain in the area. A total of £3 million will be invested in the London operation over the next 18 months.

Before the acquisition of Hibberds, Greggs had 34 shops in Enfield and four in South London. Nationwide, the company has 458 outlets.

Orders grow at Siemens

SIEMENS, the German electronics group, said incoming orders rose 15 per cent in the six months to end-September. Net profits were DM793 million (DM749 million). About half the rise in orders was due to the first-time consolidation of Siemens Nixdorf Informationssysteme and Plessey. Group sales were up 9 per cent to DM33.1 billion.

Banesto slips 17% to £70m

BANCO Español de Credito, (Banesto), the Spanish bank, reported a 17 per cent drop in 1991 first-quarter after-tax profit, excluding its industrial subsidiaries, to 12.99 billion pesetas (£70 million). Gross operating profit rose 12.5 per cent to Pta19.33 billion. The reduction followed a 64 per cent fall in net income after the sale of Valenciana de Cementos.

Ramco pays dividend

RAMCO Oil Services is returning to the dividend list after five years, with a single payment of 2p a share for 1990 after reporting annual profits before tax of £1.13 million, up from £942,000. Earnings were 3.96p a share, compared with 3.86p.

Turnover was unchanged at £4.78 million. Pre-tax profits included a maiden contribution of £153,000 from the company's 50 per cent stake in Ramco Carlson, which returned to profit after undertaking pipeline coating contracts for Petrofina and Shell. A joint venture was established with Almetyevsk Electric Submersible Pump Plant to distribute Soviet-built Alnas pumps in Europe.

Kingston at £500,000

NET profits at Kingston Oil and Gas in 1990 were £501,399, compared with £624,000 in the 18 months to the end of 1989. Earnings were 4.86p a share, against 7.07p. A final dividend of 1p makes 1.56p for the year, compared with 1.66p. Results included a four month contribution from Orcol Fuels, a recovered fuels specialist, bought for £4.5 million.

Trust asset value rises

THE net asset value at Clydesdale Investment Trust, which now specialises in smaller companies, increased 3.5 per cent to 95p (91.8p) in the six months to end-March. Pre-tax revenue was £192,000 (£258,000). Total income was £295,000 (£369,000). Earnings per share slipped from 1.39p to 1.07p. The interim dividend is maintained at 1p.

Burnfield profits cool

BURNFIELD, the specialist heating group, formerly Isopad International, saw pre-tax profits fall to £1.41 million in the 11 months to end-December, against £2.06 million in the 12-month period to end-January 1990. Turnover fell from £17 million to £15.3 million. Basic earnings per share slid to 7.5p (10.8p), while fully diluted earnings fell to 7p (9.5p). The final dividend is maintained at 3.85p, making an unchanged total of 5.5p for the year.

An exceptional debit of £701,000 relates to unpaid invoices and the termination of an overseas distribution agreement. Reorganisation costs brought an extraordinary debit of £3.06 million. New management has cut staff and costs.

Licence race may alter air industry

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

THE shape of much of Britain's aviation industry will be decided over the next few weeks at a series of licence hearings that will challenge the government's competition policy.

The collapse of Air Europe, which enjoyed a dominant position at Gatwick airport, has created opportunities for smaller rivals to expand, and for new airlines to be created.

Dan-Air, which is leading the race to take over the former Air Europe licences, will request sole rights to fly to ten European cities when it makes its case to the Civil Aviation Authority.

David James, chairman of Davies & Newman, Dan-Air's parent company, said: "The policy of this country has been to encourage open competition wherever possible in line with our national perception of a free market economy. In the main, this is a good thing, except where it results in mutually destructive competition, which effectively prevents any one company achieving financial stability."

Mr James claims the battle for passengers between Air Europe and Dan-Air inevitably led to one of them going out of business. He is determined to ensure that Dan-Air, which came within 24 hours of liquidation itself at the end of last year, does not find itself in the same position again.

Each of his airline's applications for licences to fly to European cities has been challenged by at least two other airlines. The contest will call into question the strategy of pitching at least two airlines against each other on any one route to force down prices and improve service.

How Group declines by 18.7%

By Philip Pangalos

HOW, the building services group, suffered an 18.7 per cent decline in 1990 and gave warning of "much lower" profits this year.

Pre-tax profits fell from £5.18 million to £4.21 million in the year to end-December, although the results included a £1.15 million exceptional credit.

Peter How, the chairman, issued a warning that trading conditions "continue to deteriorate". He said that while some of the group's companies are improving or maintaining order levels, overall order volume is down and margins are under pressure. "It is very likely, therefore, that profits will be much lower this year," he said.

Turnover climbed from £222.8 million to £236.6 million. Earnings per share were down from 8.32p to 5.94p, while fully diluted earnings slipped from 7.33p to 5.56p. The final dividend is maintained at 2.25p, making an unchanged total of 3.6p for the year. The shares lost 3p to 36p.

Arthur Hogarth has retired as managing director and David Summerfield has taken over as chief executive.

Shares up 25p as Boot rises

By Matthew Bond

SHARES in Henry Boot, the construction group, jumped 25p to 578p in response to the company defying the current trend among contractors by reporting higher 1990 profits.

In the year to end-December, pre-tax profits were £6.36 million, almost 19 per cent ahead of last time. An increased final dividend of 18p (15p) makes 25p (21p).

Henry Boot is still making money from the buildings it holds in its investment portfolio. An external revaluation of that portfolio produced a surplus approaching £4.3 million which, together with retained profits, lifted net assets per share to 715p, an increase of 20 per cent.

David Boot, the chairman, however, warned shareholders not to expect such growth to continue.

He said the amount of private sector construction work was falling, while what work there was in the public sector was being let at untenable margins.

This year, the company is expecting a recovery in profits from its housebuilding activities. Sales are ahead of expectations.

SUNALLIANCE

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

1990 for the UK insurance market was the worst year in this century. In January and February the country was hit by very strong gales causing structural damage from the wind, the breaching of sea walls, flooding and consequential loss from the English Channel as far north as Scotland.

For the Group, this involved more than half-a-million claims and underwriting losses of almost £200m after a reinsurance recovery of £110m. In the summer many weeks of hot dry weather for the second year running produced a spate of subsidence claims which cost £146m, or more than double the losses of 1989. Natural calamities, which cost altogether over £410m, came at a time of severe economic recession when the market, after several reasonably good years, had entered a downward turn in the cycle, aggravated in the UK by very high interest rates.

While the climatologists may argue over differing prognoses for the development of weather patterns, there can be no doubt there will have to be further premium increases in commercial, household and motor business. In marine and aviation, and in several liability classes, rates do not match the risks covered. The one satisfactory feature of the year at home was the continued growth of our life business which produced record profits for the shareholders.

The northern part of continental Europe did not escape the turbulent winter and underwriting losses were widespread there. Losses were also considerable in Australia where competition is tough On the other hand, the United States of America, where our business is managed by Chubb, produced very satisfactory results.

With this background of almost unrelieved gloom, I am sorry to have to report to shareholders a substantial loss amounting to no less than £181m. As I have said before, it is in the hardest times that policyholders and owners of shares in the Group can appreciate our strength in depth, which is unapproached by that of our competitors. Our solvency margin at the end of the year was still 81% and has since grown.

As part of our efforts to widen the base of our activities, this year has seen the Group's shareholding in the rapidly growing Swinton Group increased to 75%, while last autumn Sun Alliance (with nine other British insurance companies) formed British Aviation Insurance Group Limited. Satisfactory progress in obtaining continental European business is being made in our joint venture with Lloyd's of London launched under the name "Eurosure", and we are pleased with the development of our co-operation in the UK and Japan with Taisho.

For many years Life Assurance Premium Relief was a major inducement to long-term saving, from which the life companies benefitted. This relief was withdrawn for new policies in 1984. In the years that followed, several new investment and savings schemes have been promoted by other institutions, based upon special tax concessions devised by the Government which have been quite complicated and do not always achieve the desired ends. They have served mainly to divert existing savings elsewhere, and it is time that the Government gave more serious thought to a coherent tax strategy which encourages long-term saving in a form that is simple to understand and equitable to customers and the institutions which serve them.

A year away from 1992, in the wider European scene, we still have disadvantages. Life companies in the UK bear a higher tax burden. Much more serious is the ability of many continental insurers, denied to us, to strengthen themselves to meet the exceptional losses of years such as 1990 by setting aside tax-deductible catastrophe equalisation reserves in more prosperous times. If UK companies were to enjoy an equivalent relief there might also be a reduction in the need to purchase reinsurance from foreign reinsurers. Sadly the Budget increase in VAT will lead directly to an increase in the cost of providing insurance, particularly in the personal sector. Following the escalation in subsidence claims late last year the added VAT burden can only strengthen the case for some further increase in household insurance rates, particularly for properties with subsidence exposure.

Dividend

The Directors recommend a final dividend for 1990 of 9p per share, making a total dividend for the year of 14p.

Conclusion

If 1990 was a hard year for the Company, it produced extraordinary pressures for our staff and especially people dealing with claims in unparalleled numbers, and shareholders and policyholders alike can be proud of the way in which they met the challenge, and grateful to them for their efforts.

Our aim in the coming year will continue to be to pursue sound underwriting practices rather than to seek market share at any price, and to bear down on our operating expenses. I believe we are well placed to make the most of the recovery in the market place which is beginning, however haltingly, to appear.

RESULTS FOR 1990

The audited Group results for 1990 are as follows:	1990 £m	1989 £m
Premium income –		
General insurance	2,512.7	2,475.3
Long-term insurance	861.2	810.6
	3,373.9	3,285.9
Profit and loss account		
General insurance underwriting result	(550.8)	(63.7)
Long-term insurance profits	47.7	40.5
Investment and other income	322.2	341.8
Profit/(loss) before taxation	(180.9)	318.6
Taxation	(82.5)	90.9
Profit/(loss) after taxation	(98.4)	227.7
Minority interests	7.8	12.3
Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders	(106.2)	215.4
Dividend	111.1	99.0
Retained profits transfer	(217.3)	116.4
Share capital and reserves	2,033.6	2,936.5
Earnings/(loss) per share	(13.4p)	27.3p
Dividend per share	14.0p	12.5p

The above statement is a summary of the year's results and does not constitute the company's statutory accounts. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts, including an unqualified Auditors' Report, were posted to shareholders on 22nd April 1991 and will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting to be held at 12 noon on 15th May 1991 at the Registered Office. If you are not a shareholder and would like a copy please write to the Company Secretary at the address shown below.

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Mr Brady's phoney interest war

COMMENT

Reports of the death of co-operation among the leading industrial countries may prove exaggerated. The Group of Seven meeting on Sunday has been preceded by an unusual amount of back-biting. But on monetary and interest rate policy, aims are more consistent than they have been for years. Nicholas Brady, America's Treasury Secretary, wants faster growth, lower interest rates and a weaker dollar. Germany wants a stronger mark and Japan wants a low profile. The solution would be for America to cut interest rates, Japan to leave rates unchanged, and the Bundesbank to tighten.

In public, this is not enough for Mr Brady. The Germans and Japanese must join in a globally co-ordinated cut in interest rates, he says. Privately, however, American officials recognise that this would be impossible and counter-productive, since it would weaken yen and mark.

Deadlock at the G7 meeting would be worse, unsettling markets round the world. Mr *Brady may be hoping* to enlist the G7 ministers' support in the US Treasury's domestic dispute with the Federal Reserve Board. Anti-inflation hawks in the Fed are making it hard for the central bank to cut interest rates any further. A globally co-ordinated move may give Mr Brady and Alan Greenspan, his Fed ally, a weapon against the hawks. After the lobbying of the past few weeks, the Germans would be happy to endorse a relaxation in America, in exchange for a promise from Washington to stop complaining about the Bundesbank.

Finally, the G7 tensions have nothing to do with monetary policy at all. Washington believes that the Gulf War has given it unprecedented leverage to achieve its diplomatic and financial objectives around the world. These include enlisting far greater Japanese and European support for debt reduction schemes in Latin America and eastern Europe and winning policy battles in the World Bank and the IMF. Agreement on currency and interest rate co-ordination might cover up rifts over this more contentious agenda.

Square one

The Financial Services Act has brought more grief to producers and less benefit to consumers in the selling of life assurance than in any other field. That is a pity because the corrupt old system penalised some of the best producers, whether life offices or brokers, and was costly and confusing to consumers, who rarely got the best deal available.

Rethinking was therefore necessary. Piecemeal changes made or now contemplated by the Securities and Investments Board appear to have one thing in common. They address the problems of the industry but do little for consumers.

Potential customers need full information at point of sale in an understandable form, notably on how much of their money goes into investments, how much they can call on and the choice offered. They need protection for money passed through intermediaries.

The problem of comparable disclosure of costs has never been resolved, leading to dominance of direct selling and tied agencies and the decline of independents. This undermined Fimbra, the weakest of the new regulators. In trying to solve these problems, industry's interest is coming first.

Allowing intermediaries outside the main investor protection system to sell more life assurance reduces protection. Allowing the main high street distributors to tie with several offices suits banks and building societies that are fed up with tying with one office, but will lead to higher costs, as this form of competition for the favour of distributors *leads to higher commissions. For* the consumer, the market is moving back to square one.

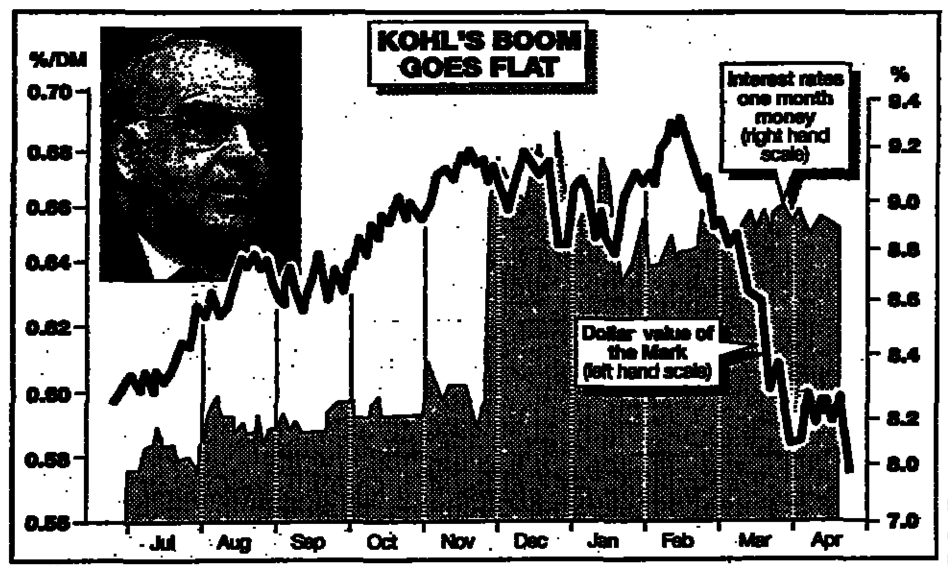
Round two

Small merchant banks hope to be profitable niche operators, but, as Guinness Mahon has demonstrated, they can just as easily become odd-lot traders picking up what others do not want. David Potter, having arrived from Midland Montagu to shore up a rapidly crumbling business last October, has evidently taken a severe view of the group's loan book. Even so, having to write down almost 10 per cent is horrific. What seemed to be the healthiest part of this accident-prone group turned out to depend on fair financial weather.

The Bank of Yokohama must have known, when it was offered a majority holding, that this would be no plum and that the Bank of England expects a second-tier group allowed into London's inner circle to do the decent thing. Injecting £50 million into the group will more *than double shareholders' funds* but do little more than make good the near £43 million reduction over the past 18 months. At least they can now have another go, under a completely new team, at gaining the mutual benefits of binding the merchant bank much more closely to its provincial deposit-bank parent.

This may be just the right moment to invest capital in London corporate finance and financial services. There must be some doubt, however, whether Robert Maxwell, or the City institutions who took shares off the Bank of Yokohama at 146p less than two years ago to keep the group's quotation, will want to join in round two.

Kohl defeat puts brake on German economic machine



THERE has not been much good news from Germany recently. Chancellor Helmut Kohl's election defeat on Sunday and the loss of his majority in the *Bundesrat*, the upper house of parliament, is not good news either from an economic point of view.

This has nothing to do with the chancellor's economic policy which is, if anything, less sound than the opposition's, but everything to do with the added uncertainty his defeat has created.

In Frankfurt, German shares, bonds and the mark all took a hammering yesterday amid concern over political deadlock. In Germany, political deadlock also means deadlock in economic policy and indecision about taxation. A hung parliament — which is what the CDU's loss of the *Bundesrat* means — is no small hindrance in a task as daunting as making unification work.

Rarely has the perception of a country and its economic policy changed so fast within such a short period.

Chancellor Kohl is no longer the invincible patron saint of unity that he was at the beginning of the year.

Karl Otto Pöhl's image as Europe's supreme central banker was dented after a series of ill-judged and bad-tempered outbursts, while the German economy is expected to enter a sharp downward phase.

The consensus forecast is for economic growth, which peaked last year at 4.6 per cent, to fall by two percentage points this year and to slide further in 1992. Germany's eight-year economic boom had to end eventually, but the speed of its demise and the manner in which it is happening is extraordinary.

There have been occasions when a government was faced with a hostile *Bundesrat* majority, but this time is different. The upper house's greatest power is over policies that directly involve the federal states, notably taxation, the issue on which Chancellor Kohl lost this election.

Although this year's budget and tax rises are home and dry, the election results must cast doubts over medium-term fiscal policies.

Supplementary budgets may be needed if the DM100 billion aid programme to eastern Germany proves insufficient, as too little is still known about the cost of unification.

There is even more uncertainty about the wide-ranging tax reforms planned for next year. Chancellor Kohl, hard pushed by the FDP, his junior coalition partner, was considering a big reduction in corporation-tax rates and a switch towards indirect taxation through an increase in the rate of value added tax, one of the lowest in Europe at 14 per cent.

The SPD opposition rejects both measures and, if determined, could block them. Its preferred solution is even higher rates of income taxes, and a wealth tax.

German taxation would be of little outside interest if it were not linked with monetary policies. The ever-growing budget deficit has already strained the government's relationship with the Bundesbank, which is expected to raise interest rates soon, not least to counter the strong fall in the mark.

An additional policy dilemma is caused by the behaviour of the closely followed M3 money supply measure. Its official level shows an increase of about 25 per cent but, because of the distortions from monetary union, M3 has become a bogus indicator.

Economic decision making has become more difficult because of the increased uncertainty and the election result will add to those problems.

As Norbert Walter, chief economist of Deutsche Bank, said: "The Germans are now forced into consensus politics."

The trouble is that there is too little consensus about economic policy.

The country's problems might be regarded with some satisfaction by those who are suspicious of any federal political system. While Germany's federalism is widely regarded as having benefited its economy, at least until unification, its lengthy decision making process is far from ideal when speed is at a premium.

Speed has never been more important than it is today but policy making will become slower than ever.

WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU
European Business Correspondent

Golden era ends at Ratners

TEMPUS

THE recession has finally caught up with Ratners Group, Britain's largest retailer jeweller. The remarkable growth of the Eighties has ended and the group is fighting for sales along with every other shopkeeper.

On the face of it, Ratners's results for the year to February 2 are not bad. Pre-tax profits, clean of property and exceptional items, rose 3.5 per cent to £112 million on sales of £1.11 billion, up 24 per cent. Earnings per share at 23.6p fell 9.2 per cent and a final dividend of 7.6p makes 10p for the year, up 5.3 per cent.

There is a £2 million exceptional item for the cost of closing about 35 Salisburys stores and a £6.74 million extraordinary item for closing 43 Regent clearance stores.

But while Ratners may have performed reasonably well in sales terms in what has been a difficult year, its performance in cost control has been abysmal. Costs were allowed to accelerate faster than sales last year, growing 20 per cent, while same store sales growth in the main British businesses of Ratners, H Samuel, Zales and Salisburys, grew just over 10 per cent.

Ratners has identified the problems and has implemented a strategy that ranges from cutting 5 per cent of the workforce, about 1,000 jobs, to reining in interest-free credit and money-back guarantees, which should save £10 million this year.

Gerald Ratner, the group's chairman and chief executive, says he is concentrating on cost cutting and will be happy with sales growth of about 8 per cent this year. The group is in the fortunate position of having more scope than most retailers for cutting back.

In America, Kay Jewelers, acquired last year, contributed £14 million, a little ahead of expectations, but the recession has hurt Sterling, where same-store sales rose only 4 per cent. Operating profits from America rose 51 per cent to £54.5 million, while in Britain, they fell 14.6 per cent to £79.7 million.

The group's gearing is 39 per cent, assuming the preference shares are treated as equity rather than debt, and interest cover is a healthy six times. The dividend is covered 2.1 times and the shares are currently yielding 7.5 per cent.

The shares, up 8p at 178p, are on 7.6 times earnings, assuming pre-tax profits of £130 million this year, and do not look expensive, especially when the yield is taken into account. But everything hinges on cost control, which, if not carried out effectively, will hit the bottom line hard.

Travis Perkins

AS A builders' merchant, Travis Perkins is at the sharp end of the recession in the construction industry, which is why the next few months will be crucial to its future.

Yesterday, it joined a small band of respected companies whose results have confirmed 1990 as a year of rapid deterioration but which go on to forecast 1991 as a disaster. Many firms, with no cushion against one of the sharpest downturns in the construction industry, will not see the year out.

Travis, however, will not be among the fatalities, although it is likely to be seriously scarred. Tony Travis, the chairman, says trading in the first three months of the year has been quite terrible and that first-half profits will be lower than the £13.5 million reported in the first half of last year. Analysts believe the figure could be as low as £6 million.

But the wise heads brought together by the 1988 merger of Sandell Perkins and Travis & Arnold will ensure Travis's survival, especially after the official end of the post-merger restructuring has been marked by a £1.55 million exceptional provision.

The survival strategy has two elements. First is the absence of borrowings, which ensures that while trading will *undoubtedly suffer, there are* no finance costs to multiply the damage. Second is ruthless cost cutting, which continually tries to keep costs in line with sales. This meant shedding about 600 staff from the company's 160 depots last year. This year, management is likely to turn its attention to the depots themselves.

The strategy has already proved of some worth in 1990. Although pre-tax profits dropped from £32.9 million to £20.4 million, an unchanged total dividend of 8p was paid. But there appears to be no answer to the problem of bad debts, which cost Travis £4 million, almost 1.2 per cent of turnover, and could cost more this year.

Forecasts of about £16 million for the current year put the shares, at 234p, on a price-earnings multiple of over 21. Whatever the prospects for recovery in 1992, that looks quite high enough for now.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Plié pleas

WHAT do Peter Rawlins, John Tattersall and John Quitter have in common? All are trustees of the London City Ballet, one of Britain's most popular touring companies, which faces closure in June unless funds can be found. Rawlins, the stock exchange chief executive, has long supported LCB — the smallest of six national companies and the only one without a central grant — with Tattersall, a partner of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, and Quitter, a director of Warburgs. Pulling their efforts together is John Hughes, managing director of Neste Petroleum and LCB chairman for the past ten years. "We need £500,000 to keep going and rely for this at present on fund raising and donations," he says. "Unless the Arts Council can guarantee funding within the next 12 months, we will have to close." Hughes is appealing to, among others, David Mellor, Chris Patten, Norman Lamont and even John Major, each of whom is a supporter of the arts. "We've had some sympathetic meetings so far, but the Council says no more money is available." The LCB spends much time on regional tours but has always enjoyed strong City support.

THE Stationers' Company, one of the City livery companies, has teamed up with Pira International to create a post-graduate research school to serve the printing and publishing industry. Former Extel chairman Alan Brooker, who is now chairman of the trustees of the Stationers' Educational Charity, says: "We are helping young people, and the idea is to improve the quality of management in their trade."

Busy bees

SIR David Walker, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, is renowned for his love of rules and regulation. Even so, eyebrows were raised at an SIB press conference at Bunhill Row yesterday when he took his seat flanked by two aides — dressed in almost identical shades of black and yellow. The pair, Betty Powell, a deputy director, and Colette Bowe, a group director — and head of information at the DTI at the time of the Westland leak — had both arrived that morning wearing black skirts and yellow jackets. "It was a complete coincidence," says Powell, who denies that a new uniform for SIB employees is in the air. Meanwhile, journalists who glanced out of the window were struck by the sight of a large, flat expanse of land over the road — a sports ground, as it happens, belonging to the Honourable Artillery Club. Could this be the inspiration for the "level playing field" of which so much has been written . . . ?

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MARCH RETAIL SALES RISE

SIGN in a china shop in Taunton, Somerset: "Show us a flying saucer and we'll show you an irritated housewife."

Won by a nose

SPARE a thought for the brokers at Lloyd's who have, in their time, had to place insurance on everything from drilling rigs to satellites. The winner of a competition to find the most unusual risk underwritten in March is Kevin Ferguson, of Bowring International Insurance Brokers, who was called on to place prize indemnity insurance on a promotion for Red Nose Day. Entrants in a prize draw had to guess how many red noses had been stacked in a Lancia Thema parked in a shopping centre in Johannesburg. Insurance was taken out in case someone won the car — even though this is usually the idea — leaving the organisers with a £5,000 bill. "Fortunately no-one won," says Ferguson, aged 21, who was presented with a methuselah of Moët et Chandon by Chris Brown, managing director of Corney & Barrow. A special award was made to Tim Gould, a reinsurance broker with Norman Butcher & Jones Group, who designed a "spoof" wedding policy for two newly-weds.

Two's company

AN IRISHMAN, a South African and an Englishman. Until yesterday, this was the way it was at the top of Rothmans International, the tobacco and luxury goods group. All that has changed with the retirement, after 30 years on the board, of Donal Carroll, a past governor of the Bank of Ireland and former chairman of PJ Carroll, the Irish cigarette company. His departure as deputy chairman, leaves Lord Swaythling, the chairman, and Johann Rupert, the executive deputy chairman, who is the son of Anton Rupert, the South African whose Rembrandt Corporation ultimately holds the reins. "There are no plans to appoint a new deputy chairman for the time being," says Lord Swaythling, who adds that Carroll is a keen smoker who enjoys Rothmans. "He would have gone a long time ago if he smoked someone else's."

NOT only did Rocco Forte, chairman and chief executive of Trusthouse Forte, complete the ADT London Marathon in 3 hours 11 minutes — a personal best — but he even took time out for family matters. Spotting his wife and daughters in the crowd lining the Mall, he broke his stride to give them all a quick kiss before dashing off towards the finish. All together now: Aaaaaah . . .

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Hanson is committed to R&D

From Mr Martin G. Taylor

Sir, Sir Antony Pilkington was quoted in your paper (Business, April 18) as saying, in his evidence to the Commons Select Committee on Trade and Industry, that "Hanson does not like R&D". Given that last year our accounts show we invested £34 million in innovation in this field, my colleagues particularly concerned with this apparent aspersion on their responsibilities will wish me to put the record straight.

Some of our businesses require less "research" than others but since we are, for example, the world's third-largest producer of titanium dioxide, this country's largest producer of dry-cell batteries, and America's largest coal producer, there are many of our businesses that require not only technical and product development but an important commitment to research as well.

Management is about change through innovation in the widest sense of that word, of which "research" is only one element. New approaches to incentives and management structures have, for instance, been very much part of our own successful development and this week's largest-ever (£500 million) sterling Euroconvertible is a financial innovation in which we are entitled to take some pride.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN G. TAYLOR,
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1 Grosvenor Place, SW1.

Demands on time

From J. Clark

Sir, The Government's decision to fund (albeit partially) the payment of SSP [statutory sick pay] from the private sector may prove to be the thin end of the wedge.

This owner of two small businesses spends a minimum of four hours a week accounting for VAT and SSP, assume a cost of £10 per hour — £40 x 52 weeks — £2,080. Can it be legal for every business in the land to account for every penny of turnover whether rateable or zero rated, without some form of remuneration for carrying out this odious task?

I cannot afford to, but is there someone out there willing to test the legality of this? The government should acknowledge this and allow traders to deduct (say) 10% as a contribution towards its unpaid tax collectors' expenses.

Yours faithfully
JOHN CLARK,
9 New Market Street,
Chorley, Lancs.

Mortgage control

From Mr Russell Tobin

Sir, Does Mr Leigh-Pemberton know that one reason for excessive lending was that lenders were able to demand that borrowers insure the top end of a loan at the borrower's expense? A clear case of having your cake and eating it.

This practice could easily be banned under consumer protection legislation rather than the Bank of England seeking to protect lenders from themselves. If lenders then thought that a mortgage was risky they could charge a higher rate of interest on the top 20 per cent of the loan. They would thus carry the risk of default whilst letting the borrower pay for it through a higher interest rate.

One of banking's fundamentals?

Yours faithfully,
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Margin for cuts

From Mr J. R. Johnson

Sir, Mr Lamont's response to the motor manufacturers' pleading for a reduction in the level of "Special Car Tax" should take into account the excessive margins which are charged for cars sold to private and small fleet purchasers in the UK.

The excessively large discounts, reputedly approaching 30 per cent, offered to large fleet users by the manufacturers have changed the nature of the competition between the contract hire and daily rental companies and substantially distorted the second-hand market. These discounts are not available to the private individual or small fleet user who are lucky to be offered 15 per cent. It is fair to assume that the manufacturers are still making a profit after discounting and to some extent the proof of this must be the much lower list prices asked for identical cars elsewhere within the EC.

A cut in the manufacturers' margins, which would have a knock-on effect on the amount of VAT and Special Car Tax paid, would do more to increase demand and promote a healthy second-hand market than Mr Lamont cutting "Special Car Tax".

Yours faithfully,
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Haywards Heath,
West Sussex.

Just the ticket

From Mr Nicholas Albery

Sir, British Airways are incredibly naive if they really believe, as quoted in your City Diary (April 5) that they now "know exactly" where 5 million entrants to their free draw want to fly. I listed Sydney and Melbourne simply because these are places I would never dream of buying a ticket for, and my friend put down Freetown and Djibouti, hoping that the civil wars there would increase his chances in the draw — but he has certainly no intention of paying for tickets to hellholes.

Yours faithfully
NICHOLAS ALBERY
20 Heber Road, NW2.

Green Courtaulds

From Mr J. R. L. Turner

Sir, I was very encouraged to see the annual accounts from Courtaulds Textiles the other day, produced on re-cycled paper.

This should be applauded as an environmental example for other companies to follow.

Yours faithfully,
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STOCK MARKET

Political uncertainties take toll of water shares

WATER shares came under the hammer again as foreign investors continued to cash in their profits, worried by political uncertainties affecting the industry.

The water package, down heavily on Friday, lost another £100 at one stage, before rallying to close £42 lighter at £2,968. Dealers say water shares have been hit by the decision to keep to the original plan of winding up the package in July.

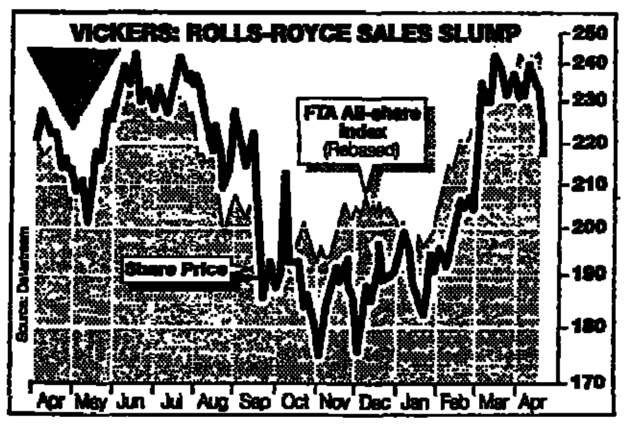
The International Stock Exchange and Schroders, the merchant bank that headed the privatisation of the industry, have been under intense pressure from City fund managers to continue trading in the package. However, they decided last week that trading will cease in July as planned.

Fears that the Labour party might renationalise the water companies if it is returned to power produced heavy overseas selling, with the Japanese leading the way.

Steve Doe, an analyst at Smith New Court, the broker, said: "The water package had a good bounce yesterday. There are still a lot of institutions out there that believe it is very attractive. But conditions are likely to remain volatile."

There were losses for **Anglian**, 10p to 286p, **Northumbrian**, 2p to 320p, **Severn Trent**, 7p to 280p, **Southern**, 8p to 270p, **Thames**, 4p to 302p, **Welsh**, 7p to 324p, **Wessex**, 3p to 364p, and **Yorkshire**, 2p to 318p.

The equity market fell below the 2,500 level, with prices closing at their low for the day as the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street declined 30 points in early trading.



Dealers said revived political worries at home and abroad, fading hopes for another early cut in bank base rates and the strong dollar kept investors on the sidelines. In the short term, there is little for them to aim for.

Revived bid speculation lifted Etam, the women's wear retailer, 2p to 156p. In February, the group received an approach for 50 per cent of the shares from Oceana Investments, which has South African backers. The offer was rejected. However, dealers say full-year figures on Thursday, expected to show a fall in pre-tax profits, could signal another assault.

The FT-SE 100 index finished 29.3 points down at 2,490.8 in thin trading that saw 403 million shares change hands. The FT index of 30 shares fell 25.7 to 1,954.4.

Not even the stores sector could muster enthusiasm for a better-than-expected set of retail sales figures, which showed signs of an increase in spending. Brokers said much of the increase was due to the rush to beat the rise in VAT.

Government securities suffered small losses ahead of today's auction for the new tap stock and the trade figures.

Vickers, the Rolls-Royce car and Challenger tank group, fell 7p to 218p in the wake of a profits downgrading by Warburg Securities, the broker. Warburg has cut its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £15 million to £70 million. Last year, the group made £96.5 million.

Analysts say sales of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars plunged in the first quarter from 492 to 232. Sales in Japan have been badly hit. The government is expected to place an order for the group's Challenger tank soon, but it is feared the order will not be as large as earlier claims had suggested. Brokers will be listening closely to Thursday's annual meeting for trading news.

Budgens, the supermarket chain, firmed 2p to 47p on learning of a shareholder revolt. John Fletcher, the chairman, has confirmed that he is looking at proposals from leading shareholders on the group's development.

Two years ago, Budgens was the target of a bid from **William Low**, the Scottish supermarket chain that was unchanged at 344p yesterday. The deal was later abandoned.

Pre-tax profits at Budgens last year collapsed from £13 million to £2.8 million and a further setback is expected.

On the bid front, **Boddington** rose 3p to 156p. The group issued the offer document for its £128 million bid for **Devenish**, down 3p at 229p. The deal values Devenish at 227p a share.

Coats Viyella, battling for control of **Tootal**, fell 4p to 139p. The group has had to agree to a reduced price for the sale of its 80 per cent stake in Consoltex Canada. Tootal was unchanged at 76p.

Ratners, the jeweller, rose 5p to 175p despite reporting a 7 per cent drop in full-year pre-tax profits to £112 million. Gerald Ratner, the chairman, gave warning that the jewellery market was unlikely to see the growth in the Nineties that it enjoyed during the Eighties. However, he said there was still scope to increase market share.

Full-year figures from Travis Perkins, the builders' merchant, provided further evidence of the recession's effect on the construction industry, with pre-tax profits tumbling from £32.7 million to £20.3 million. The shares were unchanged at 234p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Nikkei suffers in 'dead' market

Tokyo

SHARES closed lower after extremely thin trading. Wall Street's weak finish at the end of last week, a low yen, fading hopes of domestic interest rate cuts, and reluctance to trade before a series of public holidays next week, all contributed to the decline.

Ross Rowbury, of Sanyo Securities, said the market was "totally dead". Other brokers said the market would not fall too far because institutional buying is likely to start if the Nikkei average nears 26,000.

The Nikkei fell 304.96 points, or 1.15 per cent, to end at 26,237.01 as 250 million shares changed hands.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The defeat of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) in a state election on Sunday sent the mark and share prices sharply lower. While the mark plunged to its lowest level since late 1989, the Dax index fell 1.72 per cent, or 27.46 points, to 1,571.91, its steepest one-day drop in five weeks. (*Reuter*)

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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyons (*527)	500	30	42	57	1	15	22
	550	1½	18	32	24	43	47
	600	½	6	17	73	85	88
ASDA (*120)	120	2	9½	11	3½	6½	10
	130	1	5	7	12	12	16½
	140	½	3	4½	23	23	24
Bass (*955)	929	32	67	98	3	30	38
	977	3	40	70	30	57	60
	1026	1	23	50	77	92	95
Boots (*371)	330	45	51	58	1	4½	7
	360	15	26	38	1	13	17
	390	1	12	23	19	29	32
Br Airways (*160)	140	22	24	26	½	5	7½
	160	3½	10½	15	3	13	16
	180	½	4½	8½	20	28	30
BP (*350)	300	53	55	59	1	2½	5
	330	23	32	38	1	6½	12
	360	2	14	23	12	21	27
Br Steel (*138)	130	10	13	15½	½	6	8
	140	2	6½	10	3	12	14
	160	½	2	4	23	29	30
C & W (*537)	460	75	82	95	½	6	8
	500	35	52	67	1½	13	22
	550	2	23	40	22	40	45
CU (*514)	460	58	75	78	1	5	11
	500	18	43	52	2	15	25
	550	1	18	27	37	43	50
Courtauld (*386)	360	30	37	48	1	9	12
	390	5	19	32	6½	22	25
	420	1	8½	19	34	44	46
GKN (*371)	330	47	58	62	1	5	11
	360	17	34	42	2	14	18
	390	3	20	27	18	27	35
Grand Met. (*789)	750	45	74	93	1	18	26
	800	4	42	63	12	38	46
	850	1	21	41	59	70	75
ICI (*1083)	1000	90	127	140	1	13	28
	1050	40	92	107	2	26	45
	1100	7	60	79	20	48	68
Kingfisher (*490)	390	102	105	108	1	3	6
	420	72	76	85	1	6	12
	460	32	44	58	1½	15	24
Ladbroke (*275)	260	19	33	42	1	8½	13
	280	3½	20	30	5	16	21
	300	1	12	19	23	29	33
Land Sec (*531)	500	36	47	53	1	9	14
	550	2	14	28	17	36	39
	600	1	4	11	68	75	80
M & S (*257)	220	38	41	46	1	2	4
	240	18	24	32	1	7	9½
	260	2	12	20	5	16	19
Sainsbury (*363)	330	36	42	52	1	5	7½
	360	8	20	32	3	14	18
	390	1	9	18	29	33	35
Shell (*515)	460	56	72	82	1	6	10
	500	17	43	52	3	15	25
	550	1	16	27	40	43	48
Smkl Beech (*827)	700	138	153	171	1	2½	6
	750	88	108	130	1	8	15
	800	38	69	92	2	19	29
Storehse (*117)	110	7	10	16	1¼	7	10
	120	1½	6	12	6	13	14
	130	1	4	-	16	19	-
Trafalgar (*245)	240	11	20	30	3	19	24
	260	2	14	23	16	29	35
	280	1	7½	16	37	46	49
Ultramar (*327)	300	28	42	48	1	5	9
	330	3	19	27	10	16	23
	360	1	11	16	37	37	38
Unilever (*759)	650	118	132	152	1	3½	5
	700	68	89	112	1½	8	12
	750	18	52	76	4	21	28
	800	1½	27	46	42	50	54
Utd Bisc (*381)	330	56	66	74	1	1½	4
	360	26	41	49	1	6	9
	390	2	22	31	9	17	21

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA (*422)	390	42	50	65	2½	11	14
	420	20	31	45	12	25	28
	460	5	15	26	38	50	53
BAT Ind (*697)	600	103	112	125	1½	7	12
	650	58	75	85	5	20	25
	700	24	42	57	23	42	47
	750	6½	22	35	60	75	77
BTR (*394)	360	43	57	59	2	7	12
	390	20	35	41	8	17	23
	420	6	18	25	27	32	38
Br Aero (*614)	550	80	100	110	2½	9	17
	600	42	67	77	12	25	35
	650	15	40	52	40	50	60
Br Telecm. (*356)	330	32	39	46	2½	7½	10½
	360	10½	19	28	11	19	23
	390	2	8	15	35	39	42
Cadbury (*385)	360	35	48	56	3	8	11
	390	14	28	37	12	18	24
	420	5½	16	24	37	37	40
Guinness (*902)	850	70	98	117	7	19	28
	900	35	65	85	23	35	45
	950	14	41	60	55	63	72
GEC (*200)	200	9½	13	18	5	13	14
	220	2	5½	9½	22	27	30
	240	1	-	-	41	-	-
Hanson (*225)	220	11½	17	24½	4	8½	11½
	240	3	8	14½	17	21	23
	260	1	3½	8½	37	38	39
LASMO (*358)	330	35	48	57	3	11	13
	360	15	31	39	13	25	27
	390	6	17	27	40	42	47
P & O (*593)	550	58	77	82	3½	12	19
	600	20	45	50	19	28	40
	650	5½	22	30	55	60	70
Pilkington (*190)	180	21	24	29	3	10	13
	200	8	14	19	11	22	24
	220	3½	7	12	27	36	37
Prudential (*229)	220	19	28	31	2½	7	10
	240	7½	16	20	11	15	19
	260	2	8½	12	29	29	32

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Racal (*233)	220	22	30	36	4½	12	14
	240	10	18	27	14	21	23
	260	4	12	17	28	33	36
	280	2	7	12	47	49	51
RTZ (*543)	460	88	104	109	2	4½	9
	500	50	71	79	4½	12	16
	550	16	38	48	23	31	36
	600	4½	18	28	62	61	65
Scot New (*374)	330	51	59	-	2	6	-
	360	26	35	44	6	15	19
	390	8	18	28	21	31	34
	420	2½	8½	17	47	53	57
Tesco (*274)	253	27	36	-	2½	4	-
	280	7½	18	25	10	14	17
	300	2½	10	15	27	28	30
Thames W. (*303)	280	28	33	35	3½	10	12
	300	13	19	23	9	20	20
	330	3	8	12	29	40	42
Lucas (*162)	140	27	33	36	1	3½	5½
	160	11	18	23	6	9	14
	180	3	9	13	19	22	25

	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Fisons (*474)	420	63	76	89	1	4½	7
	460	23	44	59	1½	13	16
	500	1½	21	36	21	30	35

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat. (*275)	240	43	46	52	1	3½	5
	260	25	31	38	5	8½	11
	280	12	19	26	14	19	20
Amstrad (*73)	70	9	12½	16	3	6½	8
	80	3½	7	10½	8½	11½	12
	90	1½	4½	7½	18	19	20
Barclays (*458)	420	50	58	67	5½	15	18
	460	22	34	45	19	30	34
	500	8½	18	27	47	57	58
Blue Circ (*245)	240	14	22	28	13	19	20
	260	6	13	19	27	30	33
	280	2½	7½	12	45	46	47
Br Gas (*252)	220	37	40	41	1½	4½	5½
	240	20	23	27	4½	10	12
	260	8½	11½	17	13	21	23
Dixons (*192)	160	36	39	43	2	5	6
	180	18	24	29	5	9	12
	200	8	12½	18	14	19	20
Glaxo (*1072)	1050	72	107	125	24	40	49
	1100	42	79	97	45	62	70
	1150	23	54	75	80	92	100
Hawker (*571)	500	77	90	102	6	15	21
	550	37	57	70	23	34	40
	600	14	34	47	58	65	68
Hillsdown (*260)	240	24	33	40	7	12	14
	260	13	22	28	17	20	23
	280	5	13	19	31	32	35
Lonrho (*268)	240	35	39	45	2½	7½	9½
	260	19	25	33	8	15	17
	280	10	16	22	19	25	28
Midland (*221)	180	47	51	57	1½	5	6½
	200	30	35	42	5	11	14
	220	18	24	31	12	20	24
	240	7½	17	23	25	30	34
Reuter (*869)	800	102	128	155	16	32	42
	850	70	98	126	34	50	62
	900	40	72	97	60	78	88
R-Royce (*172)	140	36	40	42	1	2½	4
	160	19	24	28	4	7½	9½
	180	6½	13	17	13	17	19
Sears (*90)	80	12	13	15	2½	4	5
	90	5½	7	9½	6½	8½	10
	100	1½	3½	5½	15	16	17
THF (*268)	260	15	24	30	11	14½	19
	280	6	14	19	26	28	29
	300	2½	8	-	43	43	-
Thorn EMI (*719)	650	87	89	94	4	17	23
	700	47	55	66	16	37	41
	750	21	30	42	44	67	70
	800	8	16	-	85	104	-
TSB (*152)	130	26	27	-	1½	2	-
	140	17	19	22	2	5	5½
	160	5	8	11	12	15	17
Vaal Reefs (*$55)	50	8½	10	12	3	5½	7
	60	3½	6	8½	9	12	13
Wellcome (*531)	460	87	102	112	5	11	16
	500	53	75	87	14	24	28
	550	26	45	58	36	45	51

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastn Elec (*189)	160	33	35	35	2	5	6½
	180	15	19½	22	4½	12	14
	200	5	10	12½	13	25	26
Sthrn Elec. (*201)	160	44	-	-	1	-	-
	180	24	-	-	1½	-	-
	200	10	-	-	7	-	-
Elec Pack. (*£2020)	1800	285	-	-	25	-	-
	1850	245	-	-	35	-	-
	1900	190	-	-	50	-	-

	Series	Jun	Sep	-	Jun	Sep	-
Nat Power. (*130)	120	15	17	-	2½	5	-
	130	8	12	-	6	12	-
	140	5	7	-	13	18	-

FT-SE INDEX (*2494)

	2350	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600
Calls						
Apr	152	103	58	22	6	1½
May	168	127	88	58	33	18
Jun	197	153	111	80	55	36
Jul	218	179	137	106	84	54
Dec	—	255	—	195	—	145
Puts						
Apr	2½	3½	9	26	65	111
May	13	20	34	54	84	116
Jun	22	32	45	66	93	129
Jul	30	41	55	77	101	134
Dec	—	77	—	113	—	160

April 22, 1991 Total: 25938 Calls 16259 Puts 9689 FT-SE: Calls 4709 Puts 3742
*Underlying security price.

Research spending static

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INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SPENDING on innovation by British companies is being maintained, despite the recession, but almost half are not satisfied that their investment is adequate.

Concern is most acute among manufacturing companies. Thirty-seven per cent of them say their spending on research and development is insufficient.

The findings, contained in the second Confederation of British Industry innovation trends survey, reinforce evidence from Sciteb, a management consultant, last week that action is needed to address a shortfall in innovation spending.

John Banham, director general of the CBI, said spending on R&D by British companies had been maintained at £6.5 billion last year. Cuts by companies under pressure from the recession had been balanced by increases elsewhere.

The survey concluded that British companies still spend more than £1,000 a year on innovation for every worker employed.

Mr Banham said: "Expenditure by British business on the research and development underpinning technological innovation was on a rising trend in the 1980s and compares well with most EEC competitors.

"But it is still low in absolute terms when compared with West Germany in particular."

Ricardo buys

RICARDO International, the research engineer, is buying Advance Technology Design, the gas turbine consultancy, of Bristol, for about £550,000, to be raised through the issue of new shares. ATD reported after tax profits of £92,000 for the year to end-February.

THE SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INSTITUTION

The 153rd Annual General Meeting of Members of the Scottish Provident Institution will be held on Tuesday, 21 May 1991 at 12 noon in the Head Office, 6 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from this address.

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WALL STREET

Profit taking puts Dow under pressure

New York

SHARES were under pressure in mid-morning as investors continued to take profits on the market's recent strength.

Ralph Bloch, chief technical analyst at Raymond James and Associates, said: "Basically what's going on is a growing realisation that things are not wonderful economically. The Fed's not going to ease here." He said "extreme" weakness last week in the Dow Jones Utility Average bodes poorly for the overall market.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 28.96 points lower at 2,936.63.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index closed 84.91 points, or 2.32 per cent, lower at 3,582.49 on political nervousness. Light bargain-hunting in the afternoon helped prices recover about 45 points from the day's low point. (*Reuter*)

	Apr 22 midday	Apr 19 close		Apr 22 midday	Apr 19 close		Apr 22 midday	Apr 19 close
Abbot Lab	50[illegible]	51[illegible]	Enron	57[illegible]	58[illegible]	Oryx Enrgy	34[illegible]	34[illegible]
Aetna Life	47	48[illegible]	Entergy	24[illegible]	24[illegible]	Pac Ent	34[illegible]	35
Ahmanson	16[illegible]	17	Ethyl	30[illegible]	30[illegible]	Pac Gas Elec	26[illegible]	26[illegible]
Air Prods	66	67	Exxon	60	60	Pac Telesis	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Albertsons	45[illegible]	46[illegible]	Fed NMA	47[illegible]	48[illegible]	Paccar	40	40[illegible]
Alcan Al	21[illegible]	21[illegible]	Fedrl Expre	35[illegible]	35	Pacificorp	21[illegible]	21[illegible]
Alco Stand	29[illegible]	29[illegible]	Flt Norstar	17[illegible]	18[illegible]	Pall	36[illegible]	36[illegible]
Allied Signal	29[illegible]	29[illegible]	Fluor	47[illegible]	47[illegible]	Paramount	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Alumin CA	65[illegible]	67[illegible]	FMC	39[illegible]	39[illegible]	Parker-Hanfn	26[illegible]	26[illegible]
Am Brands	41[illegible]	42[illegible]	Ford Motor	33[illegible]	34	Penney	51[illegible]	52
Am Cyanmd	57[illegible]	58	FPL	29[illegible]	29[illegible]	Pennzoil	74[illegible]	74[illegible]
Am EPC	28[illegible]	30	Fst Chicago	24[illegible]	24[illegible]	Pepsico	32[illegible]	32[illegible]
Am General	39[illegible]	40	Fst Intrstt	35[illegible]	36[illegible]	Pfizer	54[illegible]	55[illegible]
Am Home	60[illegible]	61[illegible]	Fst Union	20[illegible]	20[illegible]	Phlps Pet	29[illegible]	28[illegible]
Am Intl	97[illegible]	96[illegible]	Gannett	43[illegible]	43[illegible]	Phlps Elec	20[illegible]	20[illegible]
Am Medical	8	8[illegible]	Gen Cinema	23[illegible]	23[illegible]	Philip Morris	67[illegible]	68[illegible]
Am Stores	90[illegible]	90[illegible]	Gen Elec	73[illegible]	74	Phlps Dodge	68[illegible]	69[illegible]
Amax	25[illegible]	25[illegible]	Gen Mills	55[illegible]	56	Pitney Bow	54[illegible]	55[illegible]
Amer Hess	51	51	Gen Motors	37[illegible]	38[illegible]	Plcr Dome	13[illegible]	13[illegible]
Amritech	64[illegible]	65	Gen RE	96[illegible]	97[illegible]	PNC Fncl	34[illegible]	34[illegible]
Amex	27	27[illegible]	Gen Signal	45[illegible]	45[illegible]	Pnhdle Estn	13	13[illegible]
Amoco	54	53[illegible]	Genentech	27[illegible]	27[illegible]	Polaroid	24[illegible]	24[illegible]
AMP	53	53[illegible]	Genuine Pts	38[illegible]	38[illegible]	PPG Inds	47[illegible]	47[illegible]
AMR	61[illegible]	62[illegible]	Georgia-Pac	45[illegible]	46	Proctr Gmble	86[illegible]	87[illegible]
Anheuser-B	51[illegible]	51[illegible]	Gillette	71[illegible]	73[illegible]	Price	55	55[illegible]
Apple Comp	59[illegible]	59[illegible]	Goodrich	38[illegible]	38[illegible]	Primerica	30	30[illegible]
Archer-Dan	22[illegible]	23[illegible]	Goodyear	21[illegible]	22[illegible]	Pub Service	26[illegible]	26[illegible]
Arkla	18[illegible]	18[illegible]	Grace	30[illegible]	30[illegible]	Quaker Oats	55[illegible]	56
Armstrong	27[illegible]	29[illegible]	Greyhound	35	35[illegible]	Ralston Pur	55[illegible]	56[illegible]
Asarco	26[illegible]	27[illegible]	Gt Atlantic	51[illegible]	51[illegible]	Raychem	24[illegible]	25[illegible]
Ashland Oil	33[illegible]	32[illegible]	Gt Western	17[illegible]	17[illegible]	Raytheon	78[illegible]	80[illegible]
AT&T	36[illegible]	37[illegible]	GTE	31[illegible]	31[illegible]	Reebok	24[illegible]	25
Atlan Richfld	130[illegible]	131[illegible]	Halliburtn	44[illegible]	44[illegible]	Roadway	51	52[illegible]
Auto DP	70[illegible]	70	Heinz	37[illegible]	38[illegible]	Rockwell	27[illegible]	27[illegible]
Avery Intl	24[illegible]	24[illegible]	Hercules	34[illegible]	35	Rohm Haas	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Avon Prod	43[illegible]	44[illegible]	Hershey Fd	41	41[illegible]	Royal Dutch	79[illegible]	80
Baltimore	29	28[illegible]	Hewlett Pkd	52[illegible]	53	Rubbermaid	50[illegible]	50[illegible]
Banc One	37[illegible]	37[illegible]	Hilton Htl	41[illegible]	42[illegible]	Ryndls Mtl	58[illegible]	59[illegible]
Bankamerica	38[illegible]	38	Home Depot	56[illegible]	56[illegible]	Safeco	41	42[illegible]
Bard	26[illegible]	27[illegible]	Homestake	14[illegible]	14[illegible]	Salomon	31[illegible]	31[illegible]
Barnett Bl	26[illegible]	27[illegible]	Honeywell	61[illegible]	62[illegible]	Sant Fe Pac	8[illegible]	8[illegible]
Bausch Lmb	82[illegible]	83[illegible]	Houston Ind	37[illegible]	37	Sara Lee	39	38[illegible]
Baxter Intl	35[illegible]	36	Hsehld Intl	47	47[illegible]	Schecorp	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Bec Dickn	76[illegible]	77[illegible]	Humana	51[illegible]	52	Schlumbgr	61[illegible]	62[illegible]
Bell Atlan	48[illegible]	48[illegible]	IBM	108[illegible]	108[illegible]	Schrg-Plgh	48[illegible]	49
Bellsouth	52[illegible]	51[illegible]	IF&F	83[illegible]	84[illegible]	Scott Papr	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Bkr Hughes	28[illegible]	29	Illinois TW	56	56[illegible]	Seagram	96[illegible]	97[illegible]
Black Decker	13[illegible]	13[illegible]	Inco	34[illegible]	34[illegible]	Sears Rbk	38[illegible]	39
Block	51[illegible]	51[illegible]	Ingsol-Rand	48[illegible]	49	Securty Pac	25[illegible]	26
Bnkrs Tst NY	48[illegible]	48[illegible]	Inland Steel	20[illegible]	20[illegible]	Shrwn-Wllms	23[illegible]	24
Boeing	46[illegible]	46[illegible]	Intel	52[illegible]	52[illegible]	Skyline	17[illegible]	17[illegible]
Boise Casc	25[illegible]	26	Intl Paper	62[illegible]	63[illegible]	Snap-on Tls	31[illegible]	31[illegible]
Borden	37	37[illegible]	ITT	58[illegible]	58[illegible]	Southern	28	28[illegible]
Brist-Myer	76[illegible]	78[illegible]	James River	25[illegible]	25	St Paul	69[illegible]	70[illegible]
Browng-Fer	26[illegible]	27[illegible]	Johnsn Jhsn	95[illegible]	97[illegible]	Stanley Wk	36[illegible]	36[illegible]
Burl Nth	30[illegible]	30[illegible]	K Mart	41[illegible]	41[illegible]	Stone Cntr	17[illegible]	17[illegible]
CAI	9	8[illegible]	Kellogg	94[illegible]	95[illegible]	Sun Co	34[illegible]	34[illegible]
Campbell Sp	83	84[illegible]	Kerr-McGee	45	45[illegible]	Suntst Bk	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
Cap Cities	460	469	Kimbly-Clrk	91[illegible]	93	Super Valu	27[illegible]	27
Capital HC	51[illegible]	52[illegible]	Knght-Riddr	52[illegible]	53	SW Bell	53[illegible]	54
Carolina	47[illegible]	47[illegible]	Lilly	76[illegible]	78[illegible]	Syntex	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Caterpillar	49	49[illegible]	Limited	28[illegible]	29[illegible]	Sysco	37[illegible]	38[illegible]
CBS	160[illegible]	161[illegible]	Lin Brdcstg	71[illegible]	72[illegible]	Tandem	15[illegible]	16[illegible]
Central SW	46	45[illegible]	Lincln Nat	54[illegible]	53[illegible]	Tandy	35	36[illegible]
Champion	26[illegible]	26[illegible]	Litton Ind	87[illegible]	87[illegible]	Tele-comm	15[illegible]	16
Chase Man	18[illegible]	18[illegible]	Lockheed	41[illegible]	41[illegible]	Teledyne	19[illegible]	20
Chem Bnkg	20[illegible]	21[illegible]	Louis-Pac	35[illegible]	35[illegible]	Temple-In	40[illegible]	41[illegible]
Chevron	77[illegible]	78[illegible]	Manu Hano	27[illegible]	28[illegible]	Tenneco	42[illegible]	43[illegible]
Chrysler	14	14[illegible]	Marriott	18	17[illegible]	Texaco	67	67[illegible]
Chubb	68[illegible]	69[illegible]	Marsh Mclen	81[illegible]	81[illegible]	Texas Inst	41[illegible]	42[illegible]
Cigna	55[illegible]	56	Martin Mar	56[illegible]	57[illegible]	Texas Util	37	37[illegible]
Citicorp	15[illegible]	15[illegible]	Masco	23[illegible]	24[illegible]	Textron	31[illegible]	31
Clrme Liz	46[illegible]	46[illegible]	May Dept	53[illegible]	54[illegible]	Time Wrnr	113	115
Clorox	39[illegible]	39[illegible]	Maytag	13[illegible]	13[illegible]	Times Mirr	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
Cmwlth Eds	38	38[illegible]	McDnl Doug	48[illegible]	48[illegible]	Timken	24	24[illegible]
CNA Fncl	85	84[illegible]	McDonalds	34[illegible]	34[illegible]	Torchmark	55	55[illegible]
Coastal	34[illegible]	34	McGraw-Hill	60[illegible]	60[illegible]	Toys R Us	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Coca-Cola	54	54[illegible]	MCI Com	28[illegible]	28[illegible]	Transam	34[illegible]	35[illegible]
Colgate-Pal	81	82[illegible]	Mead	30[illegible]	31[illegible]	Travelers	24	24[illegible]
Columb Gas	40[illegible]	40[illegible]	Medtronic	114[illegible]	117[illegible]	Tribune	45[illegible]	46
Compaq	60[illegible]	60[illegible]	Mellon Bk	30[illegible]	30[illegible]	TRW	39[illegible]	39[illegible]
Conagra	45[illegible]	46[illegible]	Melville	51[illegible]	52[illegible]	Tyco Lab	49[illegible]	50[illegible]
Cons Edis	24[illegible]	24[illegible]	Merck	108[illegible]	111[illegible]	UAL	154[illegible]	158[illegible]
Cons NG	40[illegible]	41[illegible]	Merll Lynch	38[illegible]	40[illegible]	Un Camp	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
Cons Rail	51	51[illegible]	MM&M	87[illegible]	87[illegible]	Un Carbide	17[illegible]	17[illegible]
Cooper Ind	50	50[illegible]	Mobil	69[illegible]	69[illegible]	Un Pacific	81[illegible]	82[illegible]
Corning	60	60[illegible]	Monsanto	61[illegible]	62[illegible]	Unilever	83[illegible]	85
CPC Intl	84[illegible]	87	Moore	25	24[illegible]	Unisys	4[illegible]	4[illegible]
Crown Cork	74[illegible]	74	Morgan	51[illegible]	52[illegible]	Unocal	27[illegible]	27[illegible]
CSX	41[illegible]	41	Motorola	64[illegible]	64[illegible]	Upjohn	48	47[illegible]
Dana	30[illegible]	30[illegible]	Nat Medical	49[illegible]	50	US West	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Dayton-Hud	75[illegible]	74[illegible]	Nat Semi	7[illegible]	7[illegible]	Usair Gp	18[illegible]	19[illegible]
Deere	49[illegible]	50	Nat Service	26	26	USF&G	11[illegible]	12
Delta Air	69[illegible]	71[illegible]	Navistar	3[illegible]	3[illegible]	US Life	39	38[illegible]
Deluxe	38[illegible]	38[illegible]	NCNB	37[illegible]	38[illegible]	UST	45[illegible]	45[illegible]
Detroit Ed	29[illegible]	29[illegible]	NCR	101[illegible]	98[illegible]	USX	32[illegible]	33
Digital Eq	72[illegible]	71[illegible]	NBD Bncp	39[illegible]	39[illegible]	Utd Tech	44[illegible]	44[illegible]
Dillard	114[illegible]	119	Newmnt Min	35[illegible]	34[illegible]	Utd Telcm	26[illegible]	26
Disney	116[illegible]	117[illegible]	Niagr Mhwk	14[illegible]	14[illegible]	VF	28[illegible]	29
Dominion	47[illegible]	47[illegible]	Nike	46[illegible]	47	Wal-Mart	41[illegible]	42
Donnelley	48[illegible]	49	NL Indstrs	14[illegible]	14[illegible]	Waste Mgmt	39[illegible]	38[illegible]
Dover	39[illegible]	39[illegible]	Nordstrom	37[illegible]	36[illegible]	Wells Fargo	82	82[illegible]
Dow Chem	49[illegible]	50[illegible]	Nortk Sthn	46	45[illegible]	Westg Elec	28[illegible]	29[illegible]
Dow Jones	27[illegible]	27	Norwest	26[illegible]	27[illegible]	Weyerhsr	25[illegible]	25[illegible]
Dresser Ind	24[illegible]	25	Nthn St Pwr	33[illegible]	34	Whirlpool	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
Du Pont	40[illegible]	40[illegible]	Nthn Telcm	32[illegible]	32[illegible]	Whitman	13[illegible]	13[illegible]
Duke Pwr	28[illegible]	28[illegible]	NY Times	22[illegible]	22[illegible]	Winn-Dixie	36	36[illegible]
Dun Bradst	47[illegible]	47[illegible]	Nynex	72	72[illegible]	Woolworth	32[illegible]	32[illegible]
East Kodak	42[illegible]	43[illegible]	Occid Petrl	19[illegible]	19	Wrigley	83[illegible]	82[illegible]
Eaton	58[illegible]	58[illegible]	Ohio Ed	18[illegible]	18[illegible]	Wrnr-Lamb	74[illegible]	78
Emerson El	45[illegible]	46[illegible]	Oracle Sys	10[illegible]	10[illegible]	Xerox	58	59[illegible]

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,113	CU	391	Lucas	1,046	Royal Ins	1,012
Alld-Lyons	602	Courtaulds	574	M&S	3,036	Sainsbury	1,893
Anglian	1,711	Enterprise	241	Maxwell Cm	1,920	Scot & N	1,627
ASDA	2,590	Eurotunnel	68	MEPC	325	Sears	1,120
AB Foods	21	Fisons	1,906	Midland	288	Severn Trnt	2,148
Argyll	2,622	Gen Acc	618	Natl Power	5,600	Shell	2,217
BAA	1,259	GEC	3,168	Nat West	1,988	Smith & N	3,281
BET	1,015	Glaxo	1,461	N W Water	822	SK Beech	1,593
BTR	2,738	Grand Met	1,100	P&O	1,339	Sun Allnce	443
BAT	1,473	GUS 'A'	372	Pearson	135	Tarmac	1,716
Barclays	1,747	GRE	639	Pilkington	1,623	Tate Lyle	1,982
Bass	495	Guinness	654	PowerGen	4,300	TSB	1,385
BICC	1,251	Hamm 'A'	475	Prudential	2,741	Tesco	2,197
Bk Scotlnd	191	Hanson	7,757	Racal	4,073	Thames Wtr	1,208
Blue Circle	794	H & C	45	Rk Hovis	496	Thorn EMI	315
BOC	584	Hawker	108	Rank	790	Trafalgar	2,784
Boots	487	Hillsdown	735	R&C	109	THF	1,085
Br Aero	992	ICI	1,507	Redland	508	Ultramar	597
Br Airways	1,927	Kingfisher	485	Reed	1,515	Unilever	552
Br Gas	4,800	Lasmo	478	Reuters	844	United Bis	509
Br Petrol	3,445	Ladbroke	658	RMC Gp	171	Wellcome	780
Br Steel	3,014	Land Sec	570	RTZ	697	Whitbrd	953
Br Telecm	4,777	L&G	359	R-Royce	3,579	Wig Teape	1,541
C&W	789	Lloyds	676	Rothmn 'B'	188	Williams	381
Cadbury	1,683	Lonrho	1,280	Royal Bank	1,885	Willis Cor	790

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2929.95 (−35.64)*
S&P Composite .... 381.13 (−3.07)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ... 26237.01 (−304.96)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3582.49 (−84.91)
FT-SE Euro 100 ...... 1112.13 (−9.87)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 94.1 (−1.9)
Sydney: AO .... 1512.9 (−7.5)
Frankfurt: DAX ...... 1571.91 (−27.46)
Brussels:
General .... 5867.85 (−19.75)
Paris: CAC .... 478.69 (−4.44)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 550.0 (−7.3)
London:
FT.—A All-Share ..... 1207.44 (−12.72)
FT.— "500" .... 1332.78 (−13.92)
FT. Gold Mines .... 142.5 (+2.3)
FT. Fixed interest .... 94.34 (−0.28)
FT. Govt Secs .... 84.84 (same)
Bargains 27743
SEAQ Volume 403.0m
USM (Datastream) ..... 136.66 (−0.84)

*Denotes latest trading price

Henry Boot

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1990

	1990	1989
Turnover	£131.0m	£136.1m
Profit before tax	£6.4m	£5.4m
Earnings per share	76.1p	66.1p
Dividends per share	25.0p	21.0p
Net assets per share	£7.15	£5.97

The 1990 Report and Accounts are to be posted to Shareholders on 2 May 1991. Copies may be obtained from the Company Secretary:

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Open Offer
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of 3,681,827 8 per cent. Convertible Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares 2000 of £1 each at par.

Following completion of the Open Offer the share capital of Sterling Publishing Group PLC will be:

	Authorised £	Issued and fully paid £
Ordinary shares of 5p each	9,402,266.80	1,255,848.45
First deferred shares of 5p each	0.10	0.10
Second deferred shares of 5p each	0.10	0.10
Third deferred shares of 5p each	0.10	0.10
Fourth deferred shares of 5p each	5.00	5.00
Fifth deferred shares of 5p each	5.00	5.00
Sixth deferred shares of 5p each	5.00	5.00
Convertible preference shares of £1 each	12,028,615	12,028,615
New Convertible preference shares of £1 each	3,681,827	3,681,827

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Smart (J)	Building,Roads	
2	Barbour Index	Newspapers,Pub	
3	Bridgend Gp	Industrials A-D	
4	Nobo Gp	Industrials L-R	
5	Ocean Group	Transport	
6	Baird (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
7	Woodside	Oil,Gas	
8	Mitel	Electricals	
9	Etam	Drapery,Stores	
10	Amber Day	Drapery,Stores	
11	Kingfisher	Drapery,Stores	
12	Barclays	Banks,Discount	
13	Petroz	Oil,Gas	
14	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print,Adv	
15	Westpac	Banks,Discount	
16	TNT	Transport	
17	Brierley Inv	Industrials A-D	
18	Walker, Greenbank	Industrials S-Z	
19	Molynx	Electricals	
20	Kleen-EZe	Industrials E-K	
21	Microgen	Electricals	
22	Tyne Tees TV	Leisure	
23	Powell Duffryn	Transport	
24	Booth Inds	Industrials A-D	
25	Cap & Counties	Property	
26	AB Food	Foods	
27	P-E International	Electricals	
28	Assoc Fisheries	Foods	
29	Burtonwood Brew	Breweries	
30	Southend Prop	Property	
31	Linread	Industrials L-R	
32	Exp Comp Louisiana	Oil,Gas	
33	Abbott Mead	Paper,Print,Adv	
34	Quicks Group	Motors,Aircraft	
35	Amersham	Chemicals,Plas	
36	Haynes Publishing	Newspapers,Pub	
37	Br Airways	Transport	
38	Pifco	Electricals	
39	Budgen	Foods	
40	Lamont	Textiles	
41	First Tech	Electricals	
42	Neepsend	Industrials L-R	
43	South West	Water	
44	Regalian	Property	
© Times Newspapers Ltd.		Daily Total	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

The £6,000 Portfolio Platinum prize was won yesterday by Mr Eric Izzard, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Widespread losses

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 15. Dealings end on Friday. §Contango day is Monday. Settlement day May 7. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1990/91 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
99%	98%	Fund	5%% 1987-91	99%		..	—
98%	96%	Treas	8% 1991	98%	..	8.16	11.075
99%	98%	Treas C	10% 1991	99%	..	10.0	11.498
99%	94%	Exch	11% 1991	99%	● ..	11.0	11.296
99%	99%	Treas	11¾% 1991	99%		..	—
94%	91%	Treas	3% 1992	94%	..	3.18	8.535
97%	92%	Treas	8% 1992	97%	..	8.20	10.745
99%	97%	Treas	10% 1992	99%	..	10.0	10.934
99%	98%	Treas	C10% 1992	99%	● ..	10.5	10.775
102%	100%	Exch	12¼% 1992	101%	..	12.0	10.844
101%	100%	Treas	12¾% 1992	101%	..	12.5	10.952
104%	98%	Exch	13½% 1992	103%	..	13.0	10.540
93	89%	Fund	6% 1993	93	..	6.4	9.264
96%	94	Treas	8¼% 1993	96%	..	8.5	10.458
99%	94%	Treas	10% 1993	99%	..	10.0	10.375
104%	102%	Treas	12½% 1993	104	-%	12.0	10.878
108%	106%	Treas	13¾% 1993	107%	●-%	12.8	10.398
96	92%	Treas	8½% 1994	95%	..	8.9	10.394
96%	93%	Treas	9% 1994	96	●-%	9.3	10.386
99%	96%	Treas	10% 1994	99%	..	10.0	10.320
106%	97%	Exch	12½% 1994	105%	-%	11.8	10.392
109	101%	Exch	13½% 1994	107%	●-%	12.5	10.386
111%	108%	Treas	14½% 1994	110	-%	13.1	10.518
87	72%	Gas	3% 1990-95	88	●		—
100%	98%	Exch	10¼% 1995	99%	-%	10.2	10.307
106%	102%	Treas	12% 1995	105	-%	11.4	10.329
109%	102%	Treas	12¾% 1995	108%	●-%	11.7	10.325

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
98%	92%	Treas	9% 1992-96	96%	● ..	9.3	9.981
100	94%	Conv	10% 1996	98%	● ..	10.1	10.323
112%	104%	Exch	13¼% 1996	110%	●-%	11.9	10.510
113%	109%	Treas	14% 1996	112%	..	12.4	10.829
118%	115%	Treas	15¼% 1996	118	● ..	12.9	10.662
94%	89%	Treas	8¾% 1997	93	..	9.4	10.244
102%	98	Exch	10½% 1997	100%	..	10.4	10.332
113%	108%	Treas	13¼% 1997	111%	..	11.8	10.484
122%	112%	Exch	15% 1997	120%	● ..	12.4	10.632
88%	82	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	85%	●-%	7.8	9.707
98%	93%	Exch	9¾% 1998	97%	..	10.0	10.316
109%	102%	Exch	12% 1998	108%	● ..	11.1	10.428
127%	121%	Treas	15½% 1998	125%	..	12.3	10.498
97%	92%	Treas	9½% 1999	96%	..	9.88	10.182
101%	95%	Conv	10¼% 1999	99%	● ..	10.3	10.329
102%	96%	Treas	10½% 1999	101	● ..	10.3	10.311
111%	105	Exch	12¼% 1999	109%	..	11.1	10.424
94%	89%	Conv	9% 2000	93%	..	9.6	10.138
116%	110%	Treas	13% 2000	114%	-%	11.3	10.501
100%	94%	Treas	10% 2001	98%	..	10.1	10.240
118%	110%	Treas	14% 1998-01	116%	● ..	12.0	10.818
98%	90%	Treas	9¾% 2002	96%	..	10.0	10.259
100%	94%	Treas	10% 2003	98%	..	10.1	10.222
117%	114%	Treas	13¾% 2000-03	117%		..	—
58%	53%	Fund	3½% 1999-04	57%	..	6.09	9.067
97	89%	Conv	9½% 2004	95%	● ..	10.0	10.182
108%	101%	Treas	11½% 2001-04	106%	-%	10.8	10.452
97%	90%	Conv	9½% 2005	95%	-%	9.9	10.182
118%	110%	Treas	12½% 2003-05	115%	● ..	10.8	10.268

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
85%	79%	Treas	8% 2002-06	83%	-%	9.5	10.197
90	84%	Treas	8½% 2007	88%	-%	9.6	9.984
112%	105%	Treas	11¾% 2003-07	110%	..	10.8	10.229
94%	89%	Treas	9% 2008	92%	..	9.7	9.878
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1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
465	314	Warburg SG	450	465	—	20.8	4.4	7.9
183	109	Do 6% 'A'	149	152	—	8.0	5.3	—
49¾	25	Wells Fargo	49¾		-¼	—	—	—
197	128	Westpac	185	189	+1	—	—	—
353	288	Wintrust	345	355	—	11.9	3.4	9.5

BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
575	460	Allied-Lyons	524	527	-10	23.4	4.4	11.0
10¼	887	Bass	950	957 r	-15	43.2	4.5	9.9
175	124	Boddington	157	161 ●	+3	8.8	5.8	10.7
244	173	Bulmer (H P)	227	235	—	10.5	4.6	17.3
143	105	Burtonwood Brew	125	132	+2	5.3	4.1	12.0
238	185	Devenish (JA)	225	232	-3	7.1	3.1	18.9
61	53	Fosters Brewing Gp	53	55	—			
839	623	Grand Met	767	780	-11	27.2	3.5	14.2
358	274	Greenall Wh	343	348	-7	13.3	3.8	13.3
451	374	Greene King	447	455	+5	13.6	3.0	18.1
924	717	Guinness	900	903 ●	-5	25.0	2.8	14.2
969	870¾	Hardys & Hansons	950	965	—	44.7	4.7	11.7
279	225	Highland Dist	265	270 ●	-2	6.6	2.5	20.3
167	120	Invergordon Dist	155	158 ●	-2	6.7	4.3	13.8
455	420	Mansfield	442	452	+8	15.3	3.4	11.8
218	185	Marston Thompson	215	218	—	5.6	2.6	17.6
400	382	Matthew Clark	390	395	—	18.0	4.6	13.7
303	240	Morland	285	290	—	8.6	3.1	13.7
835	538	SA Breweries	825	845	+17			
408	338	Scot & New	371	373	-2	18.2	4.9	13.4
253	174	Vaux Group	230	238	—	11.7	5.0	12.2
510	409	Whitbread 'A'	488	492	-4	20.4	4.2	13.7
13¾	13¾	Do 'B'	13	13¾	—	20.4	1.5	37.2
505	389	Wolverhampton & D	495	502	-3	12.4	2.5	14.1
447	398	Young 'A'	410	420	—	16.0	3.9	19.7

BUILDING, ROADS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
77	40	Abbey	65	75	—	—●	—	—
271	186	Amec	232	237	-18	13.5	5.7	10.8
74	17	Anglia Sec	60	63	—			
98	73	Arncliffe	75	90	—	9.0	10.8	2.1
380	182	Attwoods	250	255	-2	8.5	2.8	22.0
252	171	BPB Ind	224	227	-2	15.0	6.6	9.7
105	69	Baggeridge Brick	100	107	—	4.2	4.0	12.2
50	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	33	37 ●	—	1.5	4.3	3.7
128	57	Barratt Devs	119	122 ●	+3	12.0	9.9	12.8
186	82	Beazer PLC	179	182 ●	-2	10.3	5.7	10.5
277	136	Bellway	227	232 r	-4	14.7b	6.4	13.0
19	10	Bellwinch	10	13	—			
331	212	Berkeley Gp	325	329 r	-4	8.0	1.8	11.8
158	107	Bett Bros	145	155	—	8.5	5.7	11.3
120	90	Blockleys	115	125 ●	—	6.4	5.3	13.1
256	199	Blue Circle	242	247	-4	15.0	6.1	10.0
578	438	Boot (Henry)	570	585	+25	28.3	5.1	13.3
111	69	Breedon PLC	105	115 ●	-1	6.1	5.6	10.3
135	93	Br Dredging	118	120	—	9.3	7.9	8.4
128	59	Bryant	104	107 ●	..	6.4	6.0	18.5
105	78	CALA	98	102 ●	-1	4.5	4.5	13.1
269	167	CRH	236	240 ●	-4	—	—	—
60	33	Cakebread Robey	45	54	—	3.7	7.4	—
57	25	Condor Grp	52	62	—	0.4	0.7	—
235	148	Costain	203	207 ●	-1	16.3	8.0	—
154	78	Countryside	127	135	-3	5.5	4.2	—
133	86	Crest Nicholson	109	112	-1	10.2	9.2	30.9
98	57	Crosby James	95	100	—	3.0	3.1	4.2
453	285	Douglas (RM)	415	435	—	14.0	3.3	8.6
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OILS, GAS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
145	100	Gt Western Res	110	120	.	5.5	4.8	-
23¾	15¾	Hamilton	22¾	23¾	+¼	—	—	—
210	160	Hardy O & G	183	186		—	—	19.0
5¾	2	Kelt Energy	3¾	4	-¼			
394	317	LASMO	365	380 ●	-3	11.3	3.2	18.4
180	180	Do Units	165	175 ●	—	34.8	20.5	
41	29¾	Monument	39¾	39¾	—		—	25.5
17¾	11	New London	16	17¾	—	—	—	
31	26	Nth Sea Assets	29	31	—	—		10.*
27	20	Oil Search	25	27	-1			
46	27	Paterson	35	40	—	1.6	4.7	8.8
12	6	Petroz	10	13	+2		-	
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PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

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SHOES, LEATHER

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TEXTILES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
64	49	Lister	63	64				
62	37	Lyles (S)	61	63	—	5.4	8.7	2.4
96	61	Parkland 'A'	87	92	—	6.1	6.9	4.2
54	33	Readicut	50¾	53		4.6	3.7	7.3
39	15	SEET	33	39	—			
54	38	Sirdar	43	51 ●	—	6.1	13.3	7.5
46	34¾	Stoddard	44	49	—	3.3	7.3	6.5
290	180	Tomkinsons	278	285		15.3	5.4	16.1
77	60	Tootal	75	77		6.6	8.7	12.2
7¾	6¾	West Trust	6	7¾	—	0.7	10.2	7.2
158	140	Yorklyde	153	163	—	12.9	8.2	4.8

TOBACCOS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
73	560	BAT	694	697 ●	-9	41.5	6.0	39.1
87	635	Rothmans 'B'	825	830	-7	20.5	2.5	12.2

TRANSPORT

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
277	187	Assoc Br Ports	254	260 ●	-8	9.7	3.8	11.4
445	328	BAA	420	423	-5	16.3	3.9	11.3
175	122	Br Airways	159	161	+2	11.8	7.4	5.4
378	343	Caledonia	365	375	..	16.7	4.5	14.3
213	138	Clarkson (H)	203	208	-1	10.7	5.2	12.1
200	95	Dawes & Newman	135	150	+8	.●		-
584	355	Eurotunnel Units	453	458	-1	.		-
39	17¾	Eurotunnel Warrants	21¾	23	—			
121	75	Fisher (James)	85	90 ●	.	7.3	8.2	9.7
105	75	Graig	90	100	-2	3.3	3.5	4.3
140	100	Hays	137	140 ●	-1	4.9	3.5	14.3
52	36	Jacobs (JI)	44	47 ●	...	3.9	8.5	12.?
167	113	Lep	149	152	—	9.3	6.2	9.2
22	15	Manchester Ship	15	23	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	
191	167	Mersey Docks	188	192 ●	..	6.7	3.5	12.8
174	116	NFC	155	161		6.7	4.2	14.5
370	297	Ocean Group	323	327 r	+2	18.9	5.9	12.2
48	39	Ocean Wilson	41	47	..	3.7	8.5	2.4
632	482	P & O Dfd	588	592 ●	-13	40.7	6.9	12.8
541	487	P & O 5½%	87	89	..	7.3	7.9	
348	259	Powell Duffryn	345	353	+4	20.1	6.6	12.4
89	38	TIP Europe	64	70 ●	-3	2.3	3.3	5.1
144	32	TNT	69	71	+1			
411	283	Tibbet & Britten	407	413 ●		12.3	2.0	19.2
489	305	Tiphook	435	443	-9	13.3	3.3	9.3
361	306	Transport Dev	353	358 ●	.	12.7	5.0	16.1
125	85	Turnbull Scott	100	130	-5	.	-	3.1

WATER

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
314	251	Anglian Water	294	297	-10	22.4	5.7	9.3
339	263	Northumbrian	318	325	-2	21.4	5.5	4.5
318	257	North West	294	297	.	21.0	5.7	8.0
303¾	231	Severn Trent	278	281	-7	19.8	5.7	6.1
300	229	Sthrn Water	268	272	-8	20.8	5.9	7.3
327	256	South West	292	298	+1	23.2	6.4	5.5
323	253	Thames Water	300	303	-4	21.4	5.5	9.1
358	272	Welsh Water	322	325	-7	22.4	5.7	6.4
388	285	Wessex Water	382	386	-3	20.3	4.7	8.3
329	264	Yorkshire Water	315	320	-2	21.6	5.3	8.3
£313	1300	Package Unit	£983		-£42			

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Masters: Acc	90.14	96.40	+0.08	2.19
Intl	63.22	67.25	+0.02	1.44
Div/Gth	51.23	54.49	-0.17	5.51
Global Gth Sec	51.47	54.75	-0.03	1.83
Ethical	50.77	54.29	+0.02	3.00
High Inc Equity	140.6	149.5e	-0.6	5.63
W'wide Bond	206.4	218.7c	+0.3	6.86
Gilt/Fixed	112.7	118.5e	+0.1	8.82
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 071-374 6801				
Am Inc/Gth	30.02	31.88e	+0.38	2.51
Euro	72.01	76.47	-0.84	0.00
Euro Inc	75.02	79.14	-0.51	1.05
Exmpt	747.3	772.9e	-7.1	3.01
Extra Inc	40.18	43.36e	-0.36	5.77
F/E Emerg Ec	53.29	57.28	+0.53	1.12
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	363.0	386.5e	-2.9	5.11
Equity Inc	199.5	212.4	-1.7	5.22
High Yield	207.5	220.9e	-1.8	5.21
Balanced	541.9	577.1	-5.0	3.28
Am Inc	54.53	58.77	+0.34	3.94
World Ass Val	32.74	34.86	+0.11	1.46
Japan	142.7	150.9	..	0.01
Sec of Am	308.9	328.9	+0.5	0.26
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capital	89.95	95.73	-0.95	3.76
Euro Gth Inc	92.83	98.80	-1.28	1.42
Extra Inc	97.81	104.4e	-0.88	6.18
General	200.7	214.5e	-2.1	3.82
Gilt/Fxd Income	50.55	52.81	-0.07	10.12
Inc Trust	446.4	477.4	-3.8	5.76

** Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 91.6 (day's range 91.6-92.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 22	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6925-1.7150	1.6925-1.6935	0.78-0.78pr	2.28-2.26pr
Montrl	1.9606-1.9860	1.9606-1.9645	0.39-0.35pr	0.75-0.68pr
Amstrdm	3.3630-3.3760	3.3630-3.3667	⅞-⅝pr	2⅛-1⅞pr
Brussels	61.25-61.60	61.25-61.46	15-11pr	41-34pr
Copnhgn	11.3854-11.4493	11.3854-11.4091	1⅞-1⅝pr	5⅞-4⅞pr
Dublin	1.1185-1.1195	1.1185-1.1195	22-16pr	57-46pr
Frankft	2.9864-2.9958	2.9864-2.9899	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-1⅝ds
Lisbon	256.99-258.35	256.92-257.92	9-37ds	56-111ds
Madrid	183.64-184.95	183.64-184.25	22-29ds	57-71ds
Milan	2200.25-2212.20	2200.25-2204.94	1pr-1ds	2pr-par
Oslo	11.5649-11.6449	11.5849-11.5886	1⅞-1⅝pr	4⅛-3⅞pr
Paris	10.0566-10.0968	10.0566-10.0712	2⅞-1⅝pr	6⅞-5⅞pr
Stckhlm	10.6018-10.6645	10.6018-10.6250	⅛-⅞ds	1⅞-1⅞ds
Tokyo	235.66-237.96	235.66-235.99	⅞-⅝pr	2⅛-2pr
Vienna	21.00-21.06	21.00-21.03	5⅛-4⅞pr	5⅞-4⅞pr
Zurich	2.5007-2.5219	2.5007-2.5038	⅞-⅝pr	2-1⅞pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16781.7-16806.6
Australia dollar	2.2063-2.2117
Bahrain dinar	0.642-0.650
Brazil cruzeiro*	434.861-435.457
Cyprus pound	0.808-0.818
Finland markka	6.9175-6.9775
Greece drachma	322.65-325.65
Hong Kong dollar	13.2628-13.2724
India rupee	34.41-34.61
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.6932-4.7078
Mexico peso	5070-5170
New Zealand dollar	2.9044-2.9112
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3875-6.4675
Singapore dollar	3.0273-3.0309
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6142-6.7122
S Africa rand (com)	4.6896-4.7076
U A E dirham	6.255-6.335

Barclays Bank GTS *Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5210-1.5225
Singapore	1.7787-1.7797
Malaysia	2.7575-2.7585
Australia	1.2975-1.2987
Canada	1.1587-1.1592
Sweden	6.2500-6.2550
Norway	6.8200-6.8250
Denmark	6.7050-6.7100
W Germany	1.7575-1.7585
Switzerland	1.4753-1.4760
Netherlands	1.9800-1.9810
France	5.9240-5.9290
Japan	138.90-139.00
Italy	1297.5-1298.5
Belgium (Com)	36.07-36.11
Hong Kong	7.7925-7.7935
Portugal	150.70-150.90
Spain	108.20-108.30
Austria	12.37-12.39

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 28, 1991 Agreed rates Apr 23, 1991 to May 25, 1991 Scheme I: 13.52%. Schemes II & III: 13.71%. Reference rate Mar 1, 1991 to Mar 28, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 12.472%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 13

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11% Low 11½ Week fixed: 11%

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth $11^{13}/_{32}$; 3 mth $11^{5}/_{16}$. Sell: 2 mth $11^{11}/_{32}$; 3 mth: $11^{5}/_{16}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	$11^{19}/_{32}$-$^{17}/_{32}$	$11^{17}/_{32}$-$^{15}/_{32}$	11⅞-11⅜	$10^{15}/_{16}$-10⅞	
Trade Bills (Dis):	$12^{7}/_{32}$	$12^{5}/_{32}$	12	$11^{5}/_{16}$	
Interbank:	11⅞-$11^{13}/_{16}$	11⅞-$11^{13}/_{16}$	11⅞-$11^{13}/_{16}$	11⅝-$11^{9}/_{16}$	$11^{7}/_{16}$-$^{5}/_{16}$
(Overnight: open 12, close 12⅞.					
Local Authority Deps:	11⅞	n/a	$11^{13}/_{16}$	11⅜	11⅜
Sterling CDs:	$11^{27}/_{32}$-$^{25}/_{32}$	$11^{13}/_{16}$-11⅞	$11^{13}/_{16}$-11⅞	$11^{9}/_{16}$-$^{7}/_{16}$	$11^{13}/_{32}$-$^{9}/_{32}$
Dollar CDs:	6.15-6.10	6.15-6.10	6.17-6.12	6.33-6.28	6.83-6.78
Building Society CDs:	11⅞-$11^{13}/_{16}$	$11^{13}/_{16}$-11⅞	$11^{25}/_{32}$-11⅞	11⅝-$11^{9}/_{16}$	$11^{7}/_{16}$-$^{5}/_{16}$

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-$5^{15}/_{16}$	6⅛-$5^{15}/_{16}$	$6^{7}/_{16}$-6⅜	6⅛-5⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8⅝	9-8⅞	$9^{1}/_{16}$-$8^{15}/_{16}$	$9^{3}/_{16}$-$9^{1}/_{16}$	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	9⅞-8⅞	9⅞-9⅜	9⅛-9⅞	$9^{5}/_{16}$-$9^{3}/_{16}$	9⅞-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8⅞-8⅛	$8^{9}/_{16}$-$8^{7}/_{16}$	$8^{9}/_{16}$-$8^{7}/_{16}$	8⅜-8⅞	8-7
Yen:	8⅛-8	8⅛-8⅞	$8^{1}/_{16}$-$7^{15}/_{16}$	$7^{15}/_{16}$-$7^{13}/_{16}$	7⅛-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $358.00-358.40 Close: $355.75-356.25 High: $356.25-356.75 Low: $355.10-355.60 Krugerrand: $355.50-358.50 (£209.75-210.75)

Sovereigns: Old $84.50-85.50 (£49.75-50.75) New $83.50-84.50 (£48.75-49.75)

Platinum: $367.50 (£227.35) Silver: $3.96 (£2.336) Palladium: $96.75 (£56.75)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 22281	Jun 91	2533.0	2534.0	2506.0	2511.0	5304
	Sep 91				2552.0	0
	Dec 91				2597.5	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 128665	Jun 91	88.69	88.70	88.63	88.64	13782
	Sep 91	89.26	89.29	89.21	89.23	5746
	Dec 91	89.50	89.52	89.47	89.49	1470
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 34375	Jun 91	93.62	93.64	93.61	93.63	2529
	Sep 91	93.29	93.30	93.26	93.29	390
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 105446	Jun 91	90.61	90.64	90.60	90.63	10634
	Sep 91	90.77	90.79	90.75	90.76	5561
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 6469	Jun 91	95-16	95-21	95-13	95-13	1336
	Sep 91				94-23	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 31661	Jun 91	91-22	91-28	91-19	91-24	16072
	Sep 91				92-00	0
Japanese Govt Bond	Jun 91	95.58	95.64	95.53	95.59	441
	Sep 91				95.91	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 80197	Jun 91	85.02	85.22	84.98	85.15	37073
	Sep 91	85.32	85.45	85.32	85.42	376
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 2551	Jun 91	90.61	90.61	90.59	90.62	120
	Sep 91	90.71	90.72	90.71	90.71	60

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
May	643-642	May	582-581	May	176.8-76.0
Jul	668-667	Jul	605-604	Aug	178.8-78.0
Sep	693-692	Sep	623-622	Oct	179.0-78.0
Dec	723-721	Nov	639-636	Dec	178.0-76.0
Mar	752-751	Jan	654-653	Mar	177.0-76.0
May	772-771	Mar	670-668	May	178.2-76.6
Vol: 6684		Vol: 10354		Vol: 2598	

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
May	139.00	May	118.25	Jun	125.5-24.5
Jun	141.00	Sep	107.60	Aug	128.0-27.0
Sep	110.00	Nov	111.25	Oct	132.0-30.0
Nov	113.60	Jan	114.55	Dec	135.0-34.0
Jan	117.00	Mar	117.35	Feb	136.0-36.0
Vol:	227	Vol:	54	Vol:	821

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 75

	Open	Close
May (£/tonne)	138.0	135.0
Sep	80.0	80.0
Oct	80.0	80.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 22

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	88.16	233.57	111.93
(+/-)	+1.26	*+28.00	+0.61
Eng/Wales:	-10.3	-22.5	-28.4
(+/-)	88.14	237.19	111.39
(%)	+1.21	+28.79	+0.39
Scotland:	88.63	218.61	115.30
(+/-)	+2.81	+29.82	+1.30
(%)	-11.4	-12.4	-4.1

* *Estimated dead carcase weight*

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

Apr	
Open:	unq
Close:	111.5
May	
Open:	unq
Close:	114.0
Jun	
Open:	unq
Close:	116.3

Volume: 152

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm:

Gasoil prices responded to colder weather and a squeeze play. This gave support to the crude market.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.75	+0.55
Brent 15 day (May)	19.95	+0.65
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.55	+0.50
W Texas Intermediate (May)	21.65	+0.70
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	21.35	+0.65

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	243 (-1)	247 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	187 (n/c)	189 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H May	190 (+5)	191 (+5)
Non EEC 1H Jun	184 (+6)	186 (+6)
3.5 Fuel Oil	70 (n/c)	71 (n/c)
Naphtha	204 (n/c)	207 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

May	185.50-85.25	Sep	178.50 BID
Jun	179.50-79.25	Oct	182.00 SLR
Jul	176.50-75.50	Nov	181.50 BID
Aug	177.25 BID		Vol: 5433

BRENT

May	19.95-20.05	Jul	19.25-19.30
Jun	19.55-19.60		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 91	1615	1610	1611
May 91	1585	1570	1579
Jul 91	1265	1250	1262
Oct 91	unq	unq	1350

Vol: 278 lots Open Interest: 3054

Dry cargo index 1596 +10

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1474.0-1475.0	1441.5-1442.5	771925
Lead (£/tonne)	346.00-347.00	352.50-353.00	57275
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1223.0-1225.0	1182.0-1183.0	320075
Tin ($/tonne)	5520-5525	5615-5620	5090
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1384.0-1385.0	1415.0-1416.0	549725
Nickel ($/tonne):	9060-9090	9050-9055	14118

FOX MGMI INDEX

(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
May	153.10	154.00
Jun	152.20	153.20
Jul	152.00	152.60
		Vol: 410

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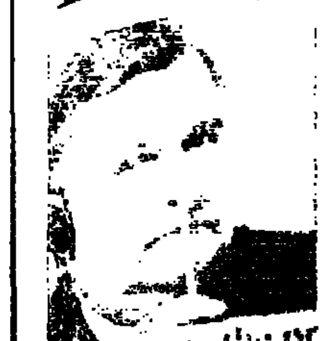

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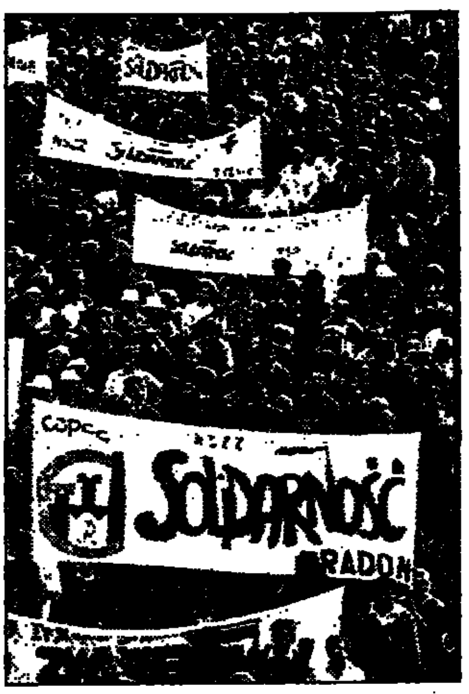
Free Poland sets out its stall for capitalism

Today marks the beginning of the first state visit to Britain by the Polish president, Lech Walesa (left). In this special report, **Roger Boyes**, East European editor, traces the fall of communism and reports that, despite the problems of changing over to a market economy, the Poles are optimistic about their future



SIMON TOWNSLEY

People power: Solidarity demonstrations in Gdansk won freedom. Now Poland's enthusiastic new capitalists have turned the same streets into instant markets, trading from the back of their Ladas

In the words of Juliusz Slowacki, the romantic poet, Poland is the "heart of Europe". Not only is it the geographical centre; it also provides the throb, the emotional pulse of the Continent. As ever, Poland is a captive of geography. For centuries it has been dismembered, or bullied, by its larger neighbours. Now it is caught between the new and increasingly introspective Germany and a disintegrating Soviet Union.

In the East, Poland's traditional markets are collapsing, and cheap Soviet oil is a thing of the past. Although Poland is physically closer to the European Community, membership is still a distant goal.

The simultaneous progression from a command economy to the market, and from a form of Soviet colonial rule to independent democracy, is a journey in the foothills of a land without maps.

So Poland is in transition, and it should be on the brink of chaos, much like eastern Germany. Yet a cold study of the facts shows that Poland and the Poles feel in control of their lot. The dynamics of the economy and the political process are pushing Poland forward, and doing so in a way that seems set to make it a pioneer of change in Eastern Europe.

The turning point came at the new year, when President Lech Walesa took charge as head of state, put together a functioning, if low-profile, government and reassured Western creditors by retaining Professor Leszek Balcerowicz as finance minister.

This ended a helter-skelter year, which included the bitter fracture of the Solidarity movement, a jump in unemployment from zero to 1.2 million, and general dissatisfaction that the freedom opened up by the overthrow of communism was not being matched by increased prosperity.

Mr Walesa was swept to power by what he calls "the party of the frustrated", the Poles who felt cheated by the tough monetarist and market economics and the apparently laggardly politics of the government of Tadeusz Mazowiecki. Yet despite making "acceleration" his watchword, he has changed very little in terms of policy.

His achievement is this: he has put an end to the illusion that the passage to a pluralistic market democracy could be derailed by pressure from the streets or an outburst of anger in the factories. As the Solidarity chairman, and hence the tribune of the people, he is telling Poles they must face years of sacrifice.

The Poles are grumbling but now at least they accept the situation. That has created new certainties and shifted the terms of the national debate. There is little talk today of a vendetta against the communists. The prosperity of a few ex-communists is an irritant but it is no longer a big issue, and the national priority is to modernise Poland.

Of Poland, as of Italy, one can say: *Eppur si muove* (nevertheless it moves). The economy is presenting a jumble of signals. Inflation, which was at a monthly rate of 4 per cent in March, is dramatically lower than in 1990, and the currency, stable for 12 months against the dollar, is now virtually convertible.

Foreign trade has been liberalised, and the results can be seen on every street corner. Freelance traders, many of them officially registered as unemployed, are selling Western consumer goods from picnic tables to caravans.

The long-term problems have yet to be settled. Above all, state industry has to be dismantled more thoroughly, and a coherent agricultural policy has to be found to cope with the thousands of small, uneconomic private farmsteads. However, the energy of those street traders, who two years ago would have been arrested on the spot, is an important pointer.

The private sector is booming, as shown by the 1,100,000 private businesses set up in 1990, and it is putting a competitive squeeze on state shops and suppliers, which are having to sharpen their marketing. This is partly an optical illusion, of course. The privatisation is to the benefit of mainly trade and services but has barely touched production, which fell almost 25 per cent last year. The economic miracle is some way off, but as economic historians point out, even the post-war economic recovery of West Germany, aided by huge American funds, did not take off immediately after currency reform.

What has changed during the past year is the psychology of the Poles. They are proving to be a people capable of learning fast. Under communism, governments were afraid to raise prices, for this would be a sure recipe for a workers' revolt. Now prices go up daily and Poles accept that this has little to do with government.

Poles are also learning that risk is an important element in the creation of capitalism. While other East European states teeter on the brink of wide-ranging reform, afraid of the social costs of layoffs and unable to find strong individual investors, Polish businessmen have learnt to challenge state monopolies.

For example, they have set up private banks, with varying degrees of success, and diversified their new companies so that surefire money-makers, such as selling imported plastic kitchenware, can fund riskier ventures.

Last Tuesday, Warsaw opened its stock exchange in an attempt to lure this risk capital into a more institutional framework. There are to be scores of important industrial privatisations this year, all more or less modelled on the five pilot privatisations of last autumn.

Privatised industry cannot make a serious impact on economic growth for some years yet. However, it is a question of confidence. A year ago few Poles would have contemplated investing in industry. Today there is a thriving club of capitalists — membership fee $5,000 (£2,800) — which meets regularly to work out possible portfolios. Domestic confidence quickly infects foreign investors, and although Western investment in Poland is well below that in Hungary, the tide is turning in Warsaw's favour.

There may be a hidden conflict of interest, though, between the aims of Mr Walesa and those of the West. For Western investors, economic confidence is attractive only if there is political stability. Poland's main attraction for the West remains a relatively cheap, well-educated and orderly workforce. If wages were doubled to buy off unrest, then the Balcerowicz plan of sprinting to the market would be doomed.

Mr Walesa, however, sees political stability in a rather different way. He understands that the central problem of post-communist Europe is how to balance economic and political reform. His formula is to listen carefully to the people and seize the moment.

Mr Walesa has shown some skill in foreign policy. His fear is the militarisation of Soviet politics. Poland, more than any other central European state, still needs Mikhail Gorbachev. Mr Walesa is demanding that the 52,000 Soviet soldiers stationed in Poland be withdrawn by the end of the year, but he is doing so in a way that is supposed not to alarm the Soviet generals. If he can pull off that trick, he will certainly have arrived as a European statesman.

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Shaft of light at the end of the tunnel

The West has reduced Poland's debt to show confidence in the emerging market economy, despite internal tensions over unemployment and inflation

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There *is not much, however,* for ordinary Poles to be happy about. Inflation has come down from the colossal 245 per cent of last year, but is still expected by the government to reach 52 per cent by the end of 1991.

Unemployment, too, is snowballing. Last year it rose from zero to 1.2 million, and is expected this year to be well over two million, a huge number in a country without any tradition of coping with unemployment.

Priorities: Balcerowicz

There are other problems. The collapse of the Comecon trading organisation and the shift to hard-currency accounting in eastern Europe has hit the engineering industry in particular. More than 150 factories, which have specialised in exporting to the Soviet Union, are now close to bankruptcy.

Even so, Professor Balcerowicz is maintaining his three strategic priorities: tough monetary policies to curb inflation and restore value to the Polish currency, the zloty; the abolition of consumer subsidies and rapid privatisation; and the liberalisation of foreign trade.

Of these, it is perhaps the last element that is most visible on the streets of Warsaw. Traders have set up their stands and sell a range of goods that they have bought in Berlin or Austria and driven across the border. State and private shops are now full.

Exports have also boomed. Poland's hard-currency surplus last year was £2.6 billion. *The private sector's share in* exports tripled to reach 5 per cent, still a tiny proportion, but proof of the dynamism of the sector.

This is in line with the Balcerowicz formula. The professor intends the economy as a whole to contract — and industrial production has already dropped 30 per cent — while the private sector's role strongly expands. The pinch of competition should force some state companies to go out of business and others to seek western capital to modernise, while inducing all-round better service and product quality.

The process is only just beginning, however. For example, how can it be that, while output is down by a third and unemployment is rising, not one state-controlled company has gone bankrupt? The reason is simple: nobody is paying bills. State factories are churning out goods made from materials that have not been paid for, and wages are coming from credits granted by banks that are afraid that even a few genuine bankruptcies will trigger off an enormous cross-defaulting.

There is another paradox. How has Poland been able to maintain for more than a year a stable exchange rate of one American dollar to 9,500 zloties when inflation is still galloping ahead? The answer is that it cannot do so indefinitely. Devaluation must be around the corner, despite assurances to the contrary.

These are the problems of transition, however, and the continuing structural reforms should put at least some things right.

Banking reform, for example, will open the way for genuinely competitive banking. Banks will be tougher on inefficient companies and should start to channel money towards small and medium-sized enterprises.

The rush for a market economy has never been accomplished in these conditions before. The experiment is, as even the most senior financial planners admit, a high-risk venture.

The average monthly salary is about £89, so how long can the workers accept severely depressed wages at a time when social services are collapsing and prices rising?

President Lech Walesa has an implicit bargain with Professor Balcerowicz: you put the economy on its feet as fast as possible, and I shall try to calm down the workers. However, that is a very temporary contract. The vulnerable Polish economy is just starting to work and could all go terribly wrong very quickly.

If reform goes off the rails in Poland, all the economic innovators of the East will also be in serious trouble.

DAVID STEWART SMITH

A smile of hope in the gloom: workers are maintaining their peace, but the average monthly wage is still only £89

Mountains, palaces and pollution

Western holiday-makers will find that the industrial grime hides an elegant past of riches, art, music and castles

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Poles were always great travellers, and as the European Community lifts its visa restrictions — France, Italy, Germany, Denmark, The Netherlands and Belgium no longer demand visas from Poles — many more are deciding to spend their holidays abroad. That means Polish resorts have to compete more strenuously for trade.

The effects can already be seen: aeroplanes that do not rattle like cans of baked beans, baths that have plugs, a broader choice of food on the menu, and even receptionists who smile at guests.

The Germans in particular have grasped that Poland is only a short drive away from the Mazurian lakes. Skiing connoisseurs value the Tatra mountains. For individuals, the best bet is to do some *research at home, fly cheaply* and improvise an itinerary.

A music-lover, for example, could follow Chopin's footsteps in Poland. *First* to his birthplace in Zelazowa Wola, outside Warsaw, with a well-restored house and park, and recitals every Sunday — but do not linger too long by the river, since it is rarely dredged. Then on to Saniki, on the road between Lowicz and Plock, where Chopin spent his holidays, winding up perhaps at Antonin, the hunting palace of Prince Radziwill, where Chopin composed the C major polonaise for piano and cello.

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Natural beauty: Szczyrk, in the Tatra mountains, is a base for hiking and skiing

Poland is discovering its palaces again. Kornik, in western Poland, is a marvellous late-baroque palace, restored in the 19th century and partly rebuilt in English neo-Gothic. A short drive away there is the palace of Rogalin, with lush parkland and an art gallery that boasts a Monet.

But beware: some towns have well-restored palaces, but industrial development has rendered the place charmless. Only the most dedicated traveller will spend a long time in the Czartoryski palace, now a museum, in Pulawy, also near Kornik, since the town is the site of one of Europe's largest nitrogen fertiliser factories.

Kazimierz, on the Vistula, is mercifully free of pollution. Tourist groups tend to flash past this marvellous Renaissance retreat, 15 minutes by car from Pulawy, yet one can profitably live here for a week or more, taking in the local livestock market, the 14th century castle built by King Casimir the Great, and unearthing the relics of what was once one of the largest Jewish communities in Poland.

Perhaps the most bizarre excursion, for individual travellers with their own cars, is to Janow Podlaski, near the Polish-Soviet border. Every autumn the Arabian stud farm there holds one of the largest Arabian horse auctions in the world. Investors, some of them wealthy jet-set figures, bid hundreds of thousands of dollars for the handsome, small-headed horses.

Members of the Gucci family, hardened businessmen from Dusseldorf and Dallas, and rock stars, such as Charlie Watts of the Rolling Stones, tramp through the mud into a large circus tent to bid. At their feet are securely locked attaché cases, since the dealing is strictly for cash.

The auctions flourished under communism for more than 20 years. They are an echo of the 16th century, when King Sigismund Augustus maintained the only stables in the world breeding full blood Arab horses.

Poles struggle on in search of democracy

Lech Walesa pledged last autumn that he would accelerate Poland along the road to political reform. Poland had kicked off the 1989 revolutions in eastern Europe but more than a *year later had no real political* party structure.

New parties are being formed from the old shell of Solidarity

Instead it was stuck with the anti-totalitarian front called Solidarity. Mr Walesa believed that the feuding factions of Solidarity should split and form parties, so that Poles would be given clear alternatives and programmes. In other words, the founder of Solidarity was prepared to *destroy it, in the name of* democratic advance.

Mr Walesa was right, but he miscalculated on several scores.

The presidential elections in November and December showed that a substantial number of Poles did not want any kind of Solidarity candidate. About 25 per cent chose a complete outsider, *Stan* Tyminski, the millionaire emigre, rather than Mr Walesa or Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the prime minister, who was the other main runner. The break-up of Solidarity was not enough to create a multi-party system.

General elections are now due to be held for this autumn. What are the choices? The first real party to emerge in Poland was the Centre Alliance, which was formed in the spring of 1990 with the aim of bringing forward presidential elections and replacing General Wojciech Jaruzelski with Mr Walesa.

The first Centre Alliance *congress in early March* showed plainly that it had become a Christian Democratic party. The party's chairman, Jaroslaw Kaczynski, is also a minister of state in the presidential palace and his views are close to those of Mr Walesa.

The party programme restricts its powers to make a coalition with any remotely *left-wing party. For example,* the Centre Alliance wants to introduce a law banning former communists from public office. The party is also strongly against abortion.

The second large grouping to emerge from the shell of Solidarity was the Democratic Union. This was intended to promote the ideas of the former prime minister, Tadeusz Mazowiecki. Within its ranks there is the germ of a social democratic party known as ROAD (which stands for Citizens' Movement for Democratic Action).

If there is to be a dominant centre-left party in Poland this could be it, because its leaders, all of whom were hunted or jailed by the secret police in the Eighties, are not stained by communism.

Throughout the developed eastern European reformed states, there has been a swing to the centre-right. Mr Walesa's election as president in *some ways reflected this trend.*

As the chariman of Solidarity, Mr Walesa had a constituency of the discontented and disgruntled. Now that he is in power, the only spokesmen for frustrated Poles — the redundant steelworkers, the impoverished pensioners — is on the left.

The Solidarity trade union, now led by Marian Krzaklewski, will sponsor 30 to 50 seats in the new parliament. The union can make common cause with ROAD to press for a more humane approach to factory closures. The reformed communists, now social democrats, want to join a centre-left coalition.

A strong church divided

STREET maps in Poland have not caught up with the collapse of communism and the Catholic Church's expanding role. In the middle of a *housing estate, the map says* you are in October Revolution Street but the new sign calls it Christ The King Street.

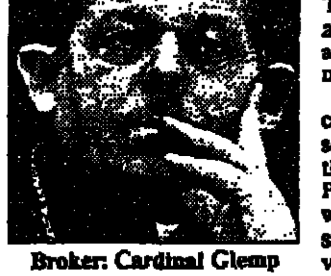
Out go the socialist heroes, in come Father Jerzy Popieluszko Street and the Avenue Of The Blessed Virgin Mary.

Ninety per cent of Poles still say they are part of the Catholic faith. Attendance at mass was strong throughout the communist years, *but this* was partly an anti-communism protest and an affirmation of Polishness.

"Repressed in the Stalinist days, the church was still the only public place in which the Polish language was not used as a tool to persecute others," says Adam Michnik, the former dissident.

Mr Michnik, now editor of the influential *Gazeta Wyborcza*, is on the left of Solidarity and admits: "My identity was shaped by a line of conspirators and rebels, blasphemers and rationalists, radicals and socialists — all far from the church, from conservative thought and from the nationalist camp." Yet a bridge was formed, an anti-totalitarian coalition.

That coalition has now broken up. After communism, the church's political role is more subdued. Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the Polish primate, *has been a broker between* splitting Solidarity factions, just as he was between the communists and Solidarity.



Broker: Cardinal Glemp

The past year's most overtly political gesture, a bishops' statement supporting Lech Walesa as a presidential candidate, showed the church was not an effective mobiliser of votes.

In the first round of the elections, the church was neutral, favouring neither Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the Solidarity prime minister, nor Mr Walesa, the Solidarity chairman. Both were regarded as good Catholics.

When Mr Mazowiecki was knocked out, the contest was between Mr Walesa and Stan Tyminski, an émigré businessman and a divorced man with ex-communists on his staff. The church firmly backed Mr Walesa.

Yet, Dominik Morawski, a specialist on the church, points out: "Forty per cent of citizens failed to vote. Add to this the 23 per cent of Mr Tyminski's supporters who also voted against the bishops' advice. Perhaps the church is not as powerful as it thought."

The church is now concentrating on lobbying on social issues. This will be a theme of the Pope's visits to Poland this year. His message will be that communism has sapped the Poles' spiritual values and discipline, especially among young people. *A Catholic state must* therefore build into its laws moral safeguards for the young, including religious education in schools and an abortion ban. Such changes are already under way.

Anti-abortion legislation has brought protest from the intelligentsia. Under the current bill, which was not as strict as intended by the church, doctors performing abortions can be jailed, for up to two years, unless the woman's life is in danger.

Many hospitals, scared of legal action, are already refusing abortions, even on rape victims, and back-street abortion is thriving.

The church is no longer a monolith. Although it recognises the opportunities created by the death of communism, it is divided about the merits of the capitalism replacing it.

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Slump offers hi-tech bargains

The computer industry is feeling the pinch as its annual jamboree opens. Matthew May sees windows of opportunity opening for buyers

This month, IBM, the world's largest computer company, reported a quarterly loss for the first time in its history. Although the loss was the result of an accounting change, the company would still have seen profits halved compared with the same quarter in 1990 without the one-off charge.

Plummeting profits and lay-offs have become commonplace in the information technology industry. IBM recently caused consternation on Wall Street when it warned of the reduced profits, and swiftly followed it with news that it was to shed 14,000 staff.

Potential customers have considerably slimmer wallets than a year or two ago, with many imposing budget cuts and shelving plans for computer expansion.

Now, however, may be just the time to buy. Fierce price competition between manufacturers and distributors, particularly in the area of personal computers, has meant price cuts. Coupled with a continuing fall in the cost of components, there are plenty of attractive deals around for those customers who have money to spend.

What to buy is still a complex question. The sales pitch is that computers can revolutionise a business, but purchasers are equally aware that buying the wrong equipment can do just as much to lose a business competitive advantage as increase it.

Many reports argue that when it comes to choosing computers, business is still hindered by both a lack of management knowledge and a frequent fear of the technology.

"Most of us are extremely frightened of information systems," Sir John Harvey-Jones, a former chairman of ICI, told a recent think-tank of chief executives organised by the National Computing Centre.

"If there is one single area where I would like to be able to wave a magic wand over the United Kingdom and give us one gift, it would be a better appreciation of and ability to use information technology," he said.

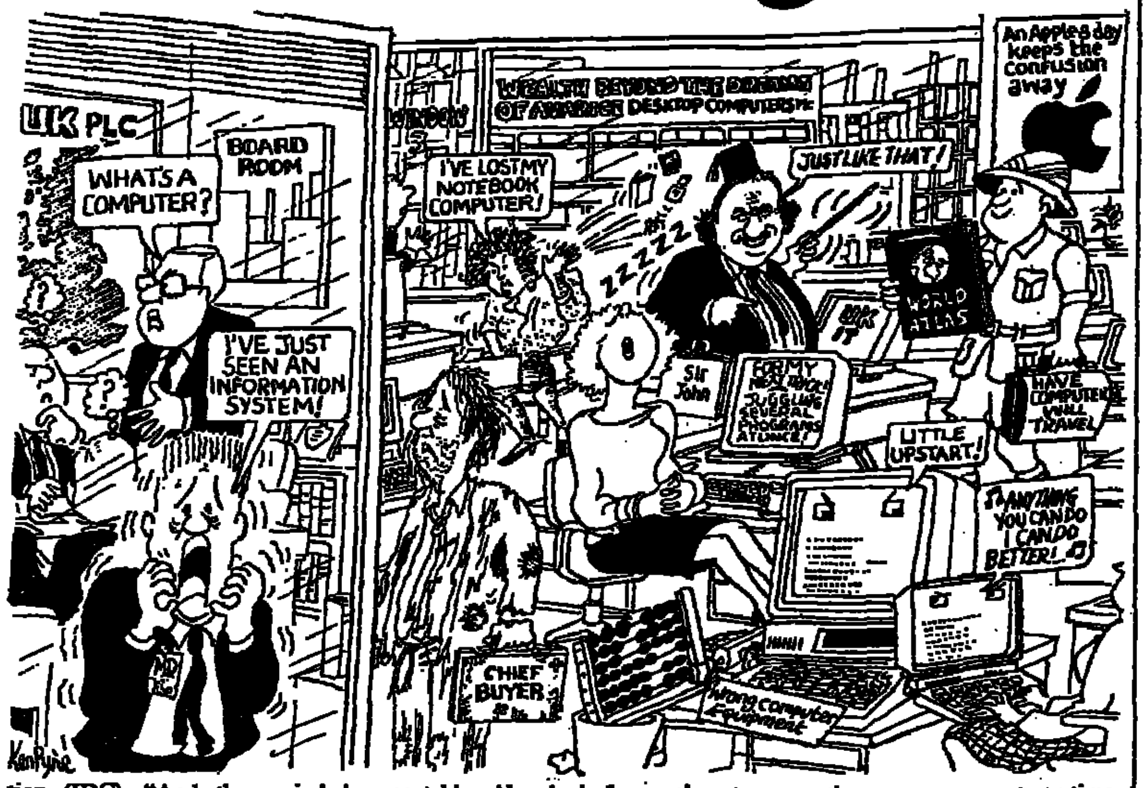
Sir John Harvey-Jones

'Most of us are extremely frightened of information systems'

Today, thousands of people will head off in search of such appreciation to the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham for the start of the *Which Computer?* Show. This is Britain's annual high-technology jamboree, where the trade will show off its recent, and sometimes not so recent, products.

In the field of personal computers, analysts are predicting that the days of heady expansion in sales of conventional desktop computers may be over. Market saturation — particularly in the United States, where sales and revenue are both declining — is cited as one factor, as is a slowing down in how often people are prepared to replace their equipment.

"Users now keep their personal computers for five years on average," says the market research firm International Data Corporation (IDC). "And the period is lengthening."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Manufacturers are hoping to reverse this decline in sales by selling more laptop and smaller, notebook computers. These portable computers have improved considerably over the past two years.

Better screens and storage capacity mean that many can now handle most of the work of a standard desktop and there is no longer a hefty premium in the price.

So big is the anticipated demand that many of the world's largest computer companies, more used to selling to the "serious" end of the market, have flocked to produce portables.

Sales are predicted to rise 40 per cent this year alone, with half the personal computers in use by the middle of the decade expected to be portables. Already, in Japan, almost half of the machines sold are laptop or notebook computers.

The boom is expected to be sustained by a new type of customer who rarely uses the portable facilities of the machine, other than to take it off a desktop when not needed and put it back when it is.

At the other end of the spectrum are developments in workstations — extremely powerful desktop computers now becoming cheap enough to move out of their specialised areas and into the much more expensive mini-computer systems market.

Personal computers using the 386 computer chip are helping European sales grow, but at a smaller rate than previous years. These provide fast enough computing for most desktop uses, can run nearly all the latest software and have the ability to run more than one program at one time.

With prices now starting at less than £1,000, their sale increased by 260 per cent in 1990 and although the computer chip used has been superceded by the 486 there is relatively little demand for it.

Allied to the success of the 386 computers has been the remarkable achievement of a software package designed to run on them. Microsoft, the producer, has sold three million of this £99 package.

The achievement of Microsoft has been to give all personal computers the same look and feel as the best-selling Apple personal computers, which by using little pictures, windows and icons managed to make them much easier and more pleasant to use.

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Forget the words, just pick a picture

Software innovations have allowed developers to broaden their horizons

Computer software is getting easier to use. No longer do users have to memorise long strings of complicated commands just to move words from one part of the screen to another — or to ask the computer to add up a column of numbers.

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This approach to computing was popularised by Apple with its Macintosh range of computers, but last year users of IBM-compatible computers joined the club with the development of Microsoft Windows 3 — a system which allows users of the vast majority of personal computers to use picture-based software.

The success of Windows has presented the world's software development community with some new opportunities. Until now, much of a software developer's time was spent in making his software easy to understand and to use.

With systems such as Windows and the Macintosh, developers can now leave that issue aside and concentrate on creating new software that is useful and interesting.

Over the past couple of months, one intriguing examples of this have been announced.

Objectvision is a system for developing software — but one which, its creators claim, allows people with no knowledge of conventional programming to create their own programs to operate within Microsoft Windows. Its developer, Borland International, describes it as a visual programming tool that enables non-technical people to create interactive business applications visually.

A drawing tool is used to create entry screens as well as name and place objects — such as fields, text, and graphics — and attach certain properties to the objects. This basic "fill-in-the-blanks" form then manages all the elements of the program being created.

This package is available for £100, the same as Microsoft's Windows, reflecting the trend towards low pricing of software.

A small British company, Equisys, has developed a fax machine control system for networked personal computers using Windows.

Known as Zebrafax, it allows a number of networked personal computers to use special software to send and receive faxes without paper directly from their screens — treating the fax machine as if it were a computer printer.

European Software Publishing Limited, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, is selling a new Windows-based software system, called Forest and Trees, which allows computer users to access information from a wide variety of sources — such as a mainframe computer and mini-computers — from within a single program and then combine that information in different ways.

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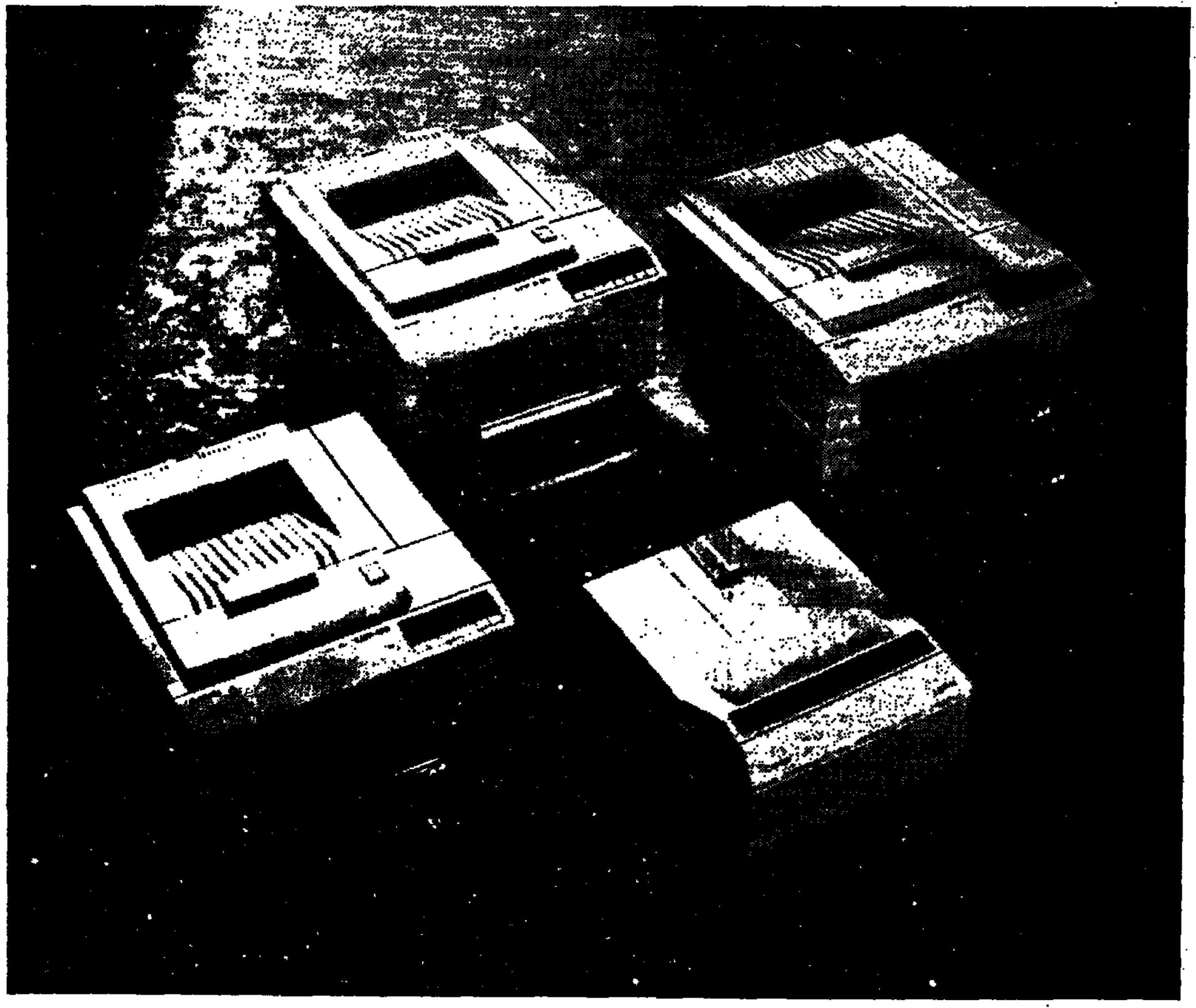
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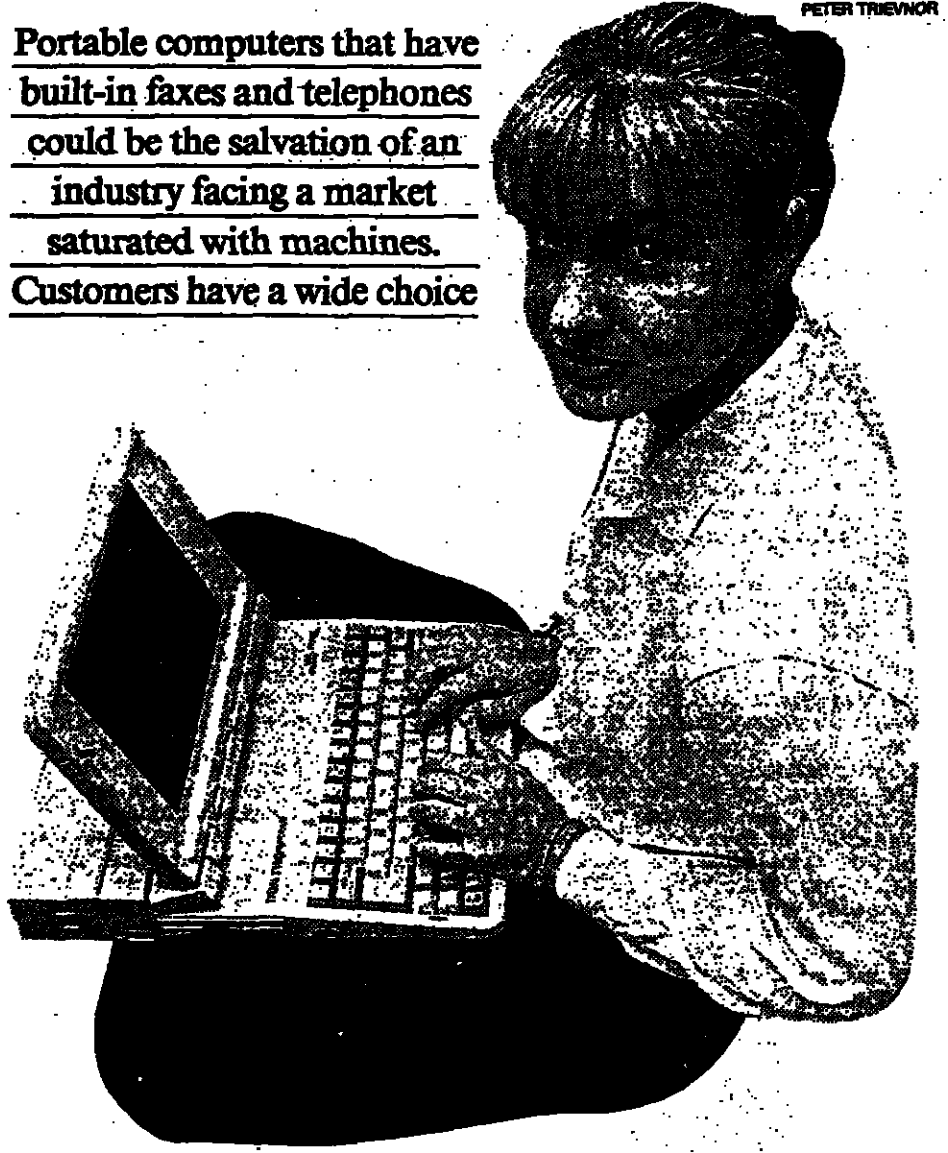
Makers fight to lap up portable profits

Portable computers that have built-in faxes and telephones could be the salvation of an industry facing a market saturated with machines. Customers have a wide choice



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Lap of luxury: portable computers offer the option of working on the move

The portable computer you buy now will be out of date in six months as cheaper and more poweful models come along. Buying a computer has never been straightforward. But buying is about to become more unpredictable as makers complement their desktop brands with a range of portable machines.

The industry sees them as the rising stars of the decade and hopes they will more than make up for the slump in sales of conventional personal computers.

Today's computer buyer is often on the second or third major purchase and will not wish to commit cash unless it makes good business sense.

Last month's Cebit computer fair in Hannover was dominated by companies launching portable computers. IBM bestowed credence upon the market with the launch of its L40SX laptop. Amstrad and Sharp showed off a range of colour machines.

The old image of the portable as an overweight, overpriced and underpowered monstrosity has been dispelled with the arrival of the laptop and its smaller cousins, the notebook and the palmtop, which sport a range of impressive features.

Today's notebook portable is the size of an A4 sheet, runs off batteries, sits inside a briefcase and weighs no more than 7lb. There is little difference between the notebook and the slightly larger and heavier laptop, which is carried over the shoulder and runs off both batteries and the mains.

The laptop is a smaller relation of the transportable which it is gradually replacing. The palmtop weighs a pound and is no bigger than a video cassette.

Palmtops provide the means for jotting down ideas, taking brief notes at meetings and calling up basic information from the equivalent of an address book and calendar.

Most computer manufacturers now belong to the 100-strong PC Memory Card International Association (PC MCIA). Now, well-known programs from Lotus, WordPerfect and Informix, among others, can be stored on the credit card-sized equivalent of the familiar floppy and hard disk drives.

Poqet claimed to be the first company to make the card available on its personal computer. The Sony Palmtop boasts a built-in word processor, scheduler, address book and graphics software program. Hewlett-Packard and Lotus will announce their jointly-developed palmtop at the *Which Computer?* Show.

NEC will soon launch a new version of its 4.5lb Ultralite laptop which contains its own fax and cellular phone. Poqet, NEC and Toshiba want executives on the move to be able to save time by switching directly into the telephone network, wherever they are.

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Why keep business people in the office when you can send them out to seek your fortune?

THERE WAS once a Managing Director who was very fond of calling Monday morning meetings. At these meetings he loved to play the powerful, gritty businessman.

One such meeting involved the MD and his two top execs. The MD pretended to stare absently out of the window, like businessmen do in the movies.

"I have…", he stopped and coughed a little. His voice was too high, too thin. He went down a register. More gravitas. More Wall Street. "I have been reviewing our quarterly sales figures. Your departments both did very well. So what I want you to do now is to recommend how we might boost our business. You might," he said, as though it were a throw-away line, "like to think of it as a little test."

The MD watched their reflection in the window, waiting for a reaction. But they didn't get to be his top people by not knowing his little games.

On the day of the presentation, the executives met at the lift door. Each carried a briefcase. "Have you got what the Old Man wants?," said the first executive. The other executive paused and looked down at his briefcase on the floor. "Yes, I think so. Let's go upstairs and see if he thinks so."

The MD's office was known throughout the company as The Sweat Box.

"Oh, there you are, come right in. I can see from the bags under your eyes you've been working hard. Good to see. After all it's what I pay you for, isn't it?," he said, turning up the heat a little. "Now who's going to start?"

With obvious pride, the first executive produced a weighty report.

"This is a recommendation for equipping the company with the latest in desktop computers. I'll spare you the technical details until later. However, I should stress it is my belief that if we were better organised here, in our own office, we'd seem better organised to our clients. Computers are the answer. I have one set up downstairs. When we're through here, I'll take you down and give you the hard sell on the hard disk."

"Very good," chuckled the MD, "very good indeed. Now let's see what your colleague, here, has to say."

The second executive had been watching intently.

"My recommendation is for computers, too. It's not surprising, really, it's the way the business is going. Faster prediction, more powerful analysis, the ability to see which way our markets are moving. Naturally, the computer I am recommending uses our existing software – Microsoft Word and Lotus 1-2-3. It can tie into our existing network, even address the company mainframe and it has 386SX technology as well as 40 megabytes of internal storage."

"Great," said the MD, "so far you're both selling me the same idea. Why is yours the recommendation I should go with?"

"This is why." The executive pushed his briefcase over to the MD. But there wasn't a report inside. There was a portable computer. The MD lifted it out. "Ah, yes," he said, "the Toshiba T2000SX."

The executive was encouraged. "They'll give us the freedom to work anywhere. We won't be tied to our desks anymore. We'll be able to work on trains, in clients' offices, on the weekends. We'll be…"

"It's okay," interrupted the MD, "you've sold me. I know what portable PCs will mean to this company."

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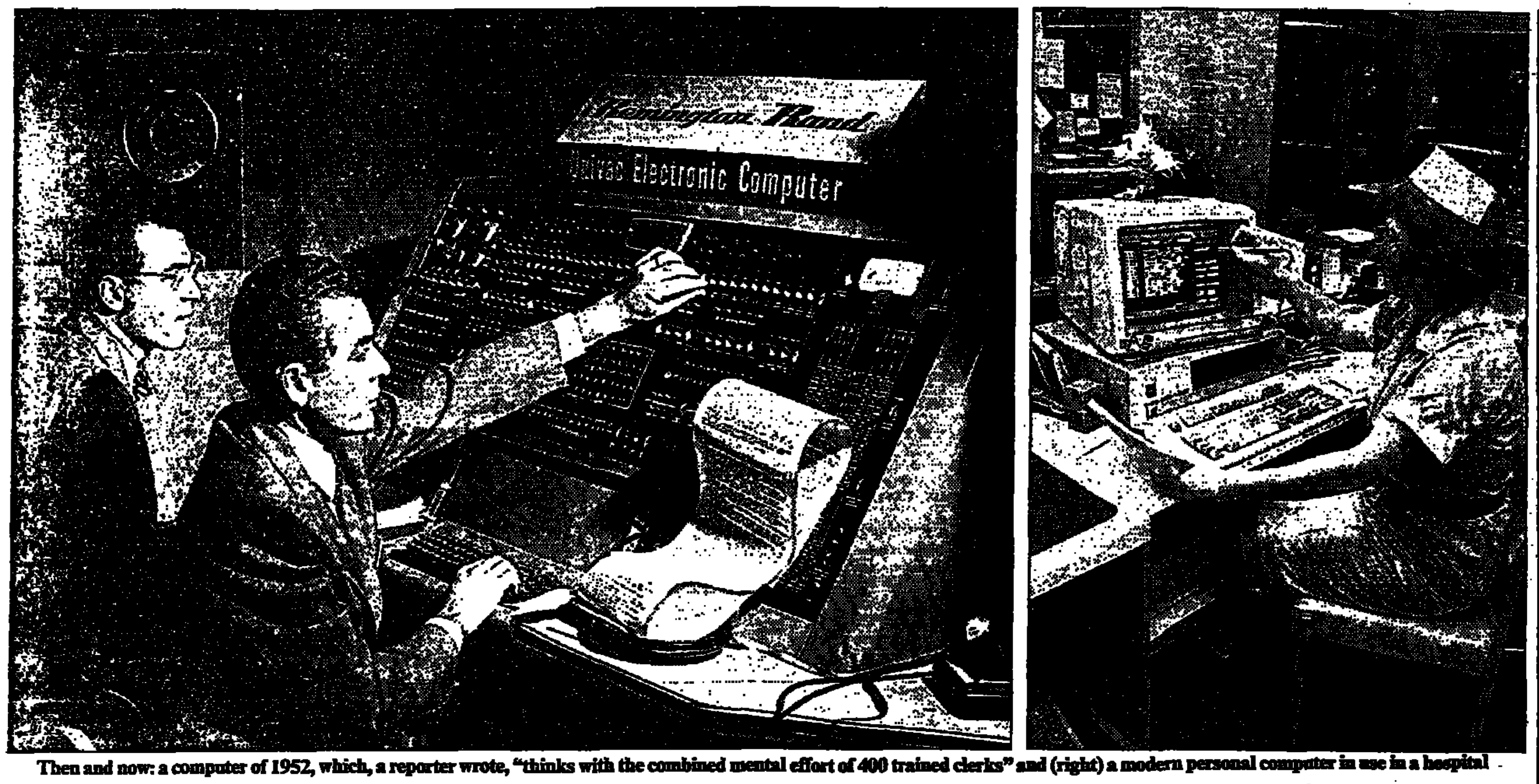

Then and now: a computer of 1952, which, a reporter wrote, "thinks with the combined mental effort of 400 trained clerks" and (right) a modern personal computer in use in a hospital

Makers nurse a new market

British business has become almost saturated with computers. Now the industry hopes the latest technology will boost sales, Jane Bird reports

The personal computer was the high-tech miracle of the Eighties. During the decade it was transformed from a mysterious machine used by backroom boffins into an essential feature of every sophisticated executive's desk.

All the computer and electronics companies rushed for a slice of the action, from traditional mainframe manufacturers such as IBM, to fiercely competitive consumer electronics companies such as Amstrad. A host of high-flying companies was born, including Apple, Dell and Compaq, which achieved sales of $3.6 billion (£2.09 billion) last year.

But when IBM celebrates the tenth birthday of its personal computer this summer, it will face a decade of much slower growth. Industry experts believe the heady days of 30 per cent annual expansion in the PC market are over.

We are rapidly approaching market saturation, says Andy Baul-Lewis, senior analyst for the European PC group of International Data Corporation, the consultancy. "PCs don't wear out. When a new desktop microcomputer is bought the old one does not get thrown away — it is passed down the organisation to someone else."

Even Apple, with a range of impressive new products at both ends of the market, is struggling. Shares tumbled earlier this month when the company announced a decline in gross margins. In the UK, Alan Sugar, boss of Amstrad, reported an appalling start to the year, although aggressive price cuts boosted volumes in March.

New technology alone will not rescue the market. More than half the PCs now being sold are based on Intel's 386, which was launched in 1987. "When Intel released the 386 it gave a boost to the market, and people expected a similar thing to happen when the 486 came out at the end of 1989," Mr Baul-Lewis says. "But it was a damp squib — only 30,000 486-based machines were sold in Europe in 1990."

One problem is that advances in hardware are not being matched in software — the instructions that enable the computer to perform useful tasks.

As volumes slow, companies geared to high growth will need to make radical changes. Compaq, for example, is diversifying at both ends of the market with a new portable machine and a range of high performance workstations for advanced users.

Compaq anticipates a growing replacement market. At the moment, 80 per cent of its sales are to new users, and 20 per cent replacements. By 1995 the company expects the figures to reverse. "Virtually every financial dealer now uses a desktop computer and the vast majority of auditors carry portables, but some of these are very old machines," says David Clarke, the company's UK marketing director.

What the industry needs is an equivalent of the IBM PC to trigger a new round of spending. In an attempt to create this, 21 companies got together this month to announce Ace (Advanced Computing Environment) — a collaborative project aimed at developing common standards for the next generation of machines.

These computers will use a powerful and efficient processor chip design known as Risc (reduced instruction set computer). "The new machines may be incompatible with today's PCs, but at some point users have to make the break with the old technology if they are going to get the best performance improvements," Mr Baul-Lewis says.

Ace comprises industry leaders such as Digital Equipment, Compaq, Tandem and Microsoft. Whether it will be able to repeat the IBM PC model that revolutionised the computer industry of the Eighties remains to be seen.

Electronic mail delivers late

Everyone will soon be at the end of a computer line pouring out messages, Chris Partridge predicts

Electronic mail has been on the way for ten years now and is still expected soon, a delivery record of which Queen Victoria's postal service would be thoroughly ashamed.

In the background, however, there has been a steady rise in the number of people whose first action when they get into work is to check their electronic mailboxes and who regularly send messages and swap data directly with other computer users.

Recently, the industry has been restructured by takeovers, shaking out the weaker companies and giving the leading suppliers user bases large enough to warrant continued investment in a technology that has, so far, proved unprofitable.

The public electronic mail services, which can be used by anyone with a personal computer to send messages, have been combining to gain enough customers to become profitable.

British Telecom's Gold service, based on the Dialcom network that BT bought from ITT, has been enlarged by the purchase of Tymnet, once Dialcom's biggest rival. The process of integrating the two has just been completed under the Global Network Services banner. AT&T's Istel service, originally British Leyland's private network, has acquired the American-based Easy Link.

Private electronic mail systems, which run on computer networks, are also attracting renewed interest. Two of the premier software companies, Lotus and Microsoft, have recently bought small, expanding companies with innovative products to ensure a place in the market.

Microsoft's purchase, a Canadian company called Consumers Software, gave it a modern and capable system to add to its rather limited existing package, which ran only on Apple networks. Lotus chose the strangely named cc:Mail to add more features to its Lotus Notes communications database.

At present, there are substantial barriers to more widespread acceptance of electronic mail. Few directories of public electronic mail numbers exist and communication between different software packages is impossible except at a very basic level, even if the number is known.

On many systems, especially the public systems, there is no way of knowing that the recipient regularly checks his electronic mailbox. The international telecommunications companies are trying to remedy this by introducing a set of world standards for electronic mail called X.400, which is beginning to be introduced after several years of frustrating delay while technical details were sorted out.

The X.400 lines will be able to handle faxes, telexes, computer graphics, short bursts of voice, and even, some time in the future, animations.

Directories for electronic mail are being developed under the X.500 international standard. With the advent of electronic data interchange, or EDI, almost everyone is going to be placed at the end of a computer line.

Desktop PC software that can link up to eight users: Bob Smith, of ICL, signs on the dotted screen

Dangers of thieves in the night

There is no such thing as 100 per cent protection against computer fraud but companies could be doing much more to guard their personal computer networks against outside intruders and light-fingered employees.

As companies continue to ignore the threat from hackers and criminals they play a daily game of Russian roulette, according to security experts Mike Rentell and Peter Jenner, authors of *Breakdowns In Computer Security*, a compendium of about 100 recent computer fraud incidents.

"Incidents involving computers where victims have suffered serious consequences happen surprisingly often," says Mr Jenner, the principal consultant of the PA Group's security centre.

"Most of these losses could have been prevented had sensible computer security precautions been in place."

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI — the electronic transfer of structured business information), Document Image Processing (DIP — the electronic storage, retrieval and processing of documents) and laptop computers are just three areas of current interest where security procedures should be monitored closely to avoid fraud and theft.

EDI brings together suppliers, customers, business associates and competitors over a common network.

However, the advantage gained by speeding up the information flow between partners disappears if a hacker breaks into the system and sabotages confidential files. Sensitive business data can also be rerouted mistakenly.

DIP helps to cut conventional storage overheads and improves office communications.

But the proprietary nature of some documents, such as insurance claims or legal contracts, poses an attractive target to industrial spies.

Many companies equip their travelling salespeople with portable computers but few have thought about what could happen should one be stolen. It is vital that companies constantly review how exposed their computer equipment is to theft, fraud, hacking, viruses and so on before expensive and damaging incidents occur.

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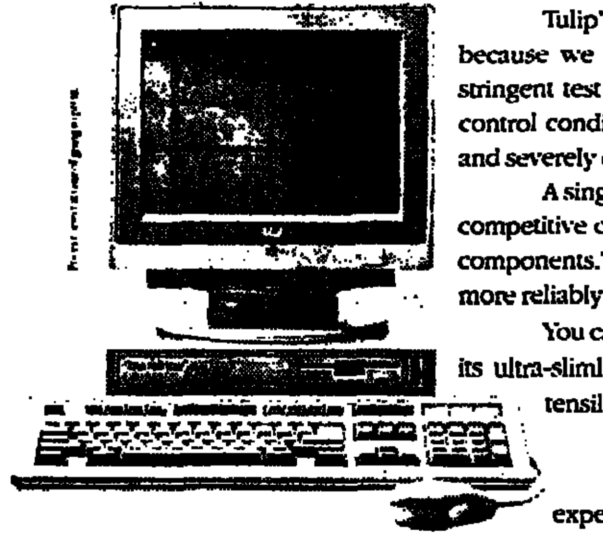

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Although word-processing has been transformed into on-screen text publishing, the output of a conventional office printer at best resembles that of an electric typewriter, *(Jane Bird writes)*.

There is a huge demand for high-quality printing, says Nicky Ayre, printer manager at Hewlett-Packard, the American manufacturer, which leads the market.

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Leading the range is the laser printer, which uses a high-speed, electro-photographic process to generate a camera-ready printout. Black-and-white laser printers are rapidly becoming cheaper and affordable — the price of six-page-a-minute machines has plunged to below £1,000, a quarter of its level when introduced by Canon of Japan in 1983.

Recently another technology has begun to gain ground — ink-jet. This involves squirting ink at the paper to produce extremely clear text and graphics.

Early ink-jet printers were expensive to run and prone to clogging. Their cartridges were messy to change and reminded users of their schooldays and ink pens.

However, developments pioneered by Hewlett-Packard and Canon have made ink-jet printers much cleaner and more efficient. A small cartridge refill costs about £20, which includes a new printhead, so the most unreliable part of the printer is regularly replaced.

Ink-jet printers based on Canon's Bj-10e, such as the Apple StyleWriter, are available for less than £300. Similar devices are expected soon from Olivetti, Mannesmann Tally, Brother and Epson.

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Archaic laws that leave us all at sea

LEGAL BRIEF

Brian Davenport, QC

(left) argues that new laws would help to bring order to Britain's maritime muddle

Bulk billing: in cross-Channel trade, the bill of lading often cannot reach even the first purchaser before the ship's cargo is unloaded

A recent report from the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission recommended that the law covering the documents used in international sea trade should be updated.

The report included a draft bill, which could be introduced into Parliament. This dry-sounding subject is, or should be, of concern to far more than a handful of maritime lawyers, as it is an integral part of Britain's invisible earnings.

International seaborne trade does not involve simply a ship and her cargo. Supporting every shipment is a complex web of contracts, including contracts of sale, carriage, insurance and banking. At the centre of the web lies the bill of lading, a document that starts life as a receipt for goods loaded on a ship. The bill sets out the terms of the contract under which the goods are to be carried to their destination.

The rights in this contract can be passed down the chain of buyers, every one of whom can claim on the carrier if the goods are lost or damaged during the voyage. The bill is also a document title to the goods, so that it can be taken by banks and finance houses as security for loans financing the purchase of the goods. The shipowner is protected from claims for misdelivery, if the goods are delivered to whoever presents the bill to the master at the discharging port. If the bill did not exist, it would have to be invented — except, of course, that whatever was invented would not be half as subtle or clever as what was devised by English law.

Much of the law on bills of lading was created in the 19th century, but there have been fundamental changes in the shipping industry since then, particularly in the past few years. If English law is to occupy its traditional place in the vanguard of maritime legal systems, the law that covers bills of lading has to be updated.

This is not to say that a system under which untold millions of tons of cargo are carried annually has any fundamental defects. The law needs modernisation, not a revolution.

Because the bill of lading has to be physically passed from every buyer to every seller via banks and other interested parties, its progress from first seller to last buyer may take much longer than the voyage. In the short sea trade, such as cross-Channel, the bill cannot reach even the first buyer before the cargo is unloaded.

A substitute for the bill of lading, the waybill, is used but in many respects it is a poor substitute. Buyers' claims can be very long and even if bills of lading are used, they can cease to have effect when the cargo has been unloaded. The draft bill gives protection to users of waybills and to long chains of buyers. The bill also simplifies the question of who can sue on a bill of lading.

As ships have become larger, the quantities in every hold, or tank, have become so great that buyers do not want to take a single bill of lading for so large an amount. Shipowners now give those who buy part of a larger bulk a delivery order, a sort of first cousin to a bill of lading. The draft bill gives those who take a delivery order similar rights to those given by a bill of lading. In addition, those who buy an unspecified part of a larger bulk must be entitled to sue, a right that is at present uncertain.

The electronic transfer of company shares may soon become a reality. Such transfers of bills of lading present vastly greater problems but must surely come about in the foreseeable future.

The draft bill allows the necessary changes in this technical area of the law to be made at a later date. This is a case of the law marking time while the advance of science catches up, rather than the reverse.

Because so many interests and legal relationships are involved in a single bill of lading, reforms of the law must inevitably be detailed, at least in part.

British shipping is still an important factor in our economy and the use of London for insurance, both ship and cargo, for banking and for the many other services needed in international trade is an essential part of our invisible earnings. Other centres are doing all they can to offer services that they claim are better than those Britain can provide.

If London is not to become a backwater in international trade there should be no delay in giving effect to the draft bill recommendations annexed to the report of the Law Commissions.

● *The author was a law commissioner from 1981 to 1988.*

Law Report April 23 1991 Court of Appeal

Licence to occupy employer's bungalow ceases on ending of employment

Norris (trading as J. Davis & Son) v Checksfield

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Staughton

[Judgment April 18]

An employee granted exclusive possession of a bungalow belonging to his employer so that he could better perform the duties of his employment, occupied it as a service licensee even though he was never in a position to perform the duties required of him.

Moreover, the licence was not a "periodic licence" for the purposes of section 5 of the Protection from Eviction Act 1977 so that no notice to quit had to be served to determine the employee's licence, it expiring automatically on the cessation of his employment.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the employee, Stephen Checksfield, from the judgment of Judge Hammerton given at Brighton County Court on April 24, 1990 ordering him to deliver up to his former employer, Jesse Norris, possession of No 2 Highfield, Hawkhurst.

Section 5 of the 1977 Act, as amended by section 32(1) of the Housing Act 1988, provides: "(1A) . . . no notice by a licensor or a licensee to determine a periodic licence to occupy premises as a dwelling . . . shall be valid unless — (a) it is in writing and contains such information as may be prescribed, and (b) it is given not less than four weeks before the date on which it is to take effect."

Mr Martin Seaward for the employee; Mr Martyn Zeidman for the employer.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that the first issue was whether an employee who had exclusive occupation of premises and paid rent could be a licensee if his existing work did not, although his future anticipated work would, benefit as a result of his being in occupation.

In 1989 the employee began the employment as a semi-skilled mechanic. He was given possession of the bungalow, close to his work place, by his employer on the conditions that he would be able to drive coaches for the employer's business and would apply for a public service vehicle licence.

For that work it was desirable that the employee was in the bungalow as it would make him easily obtainable in an emergency or if there was urgent work.

Before moving into the property the employee signed a document confirming the terms of his occupation: it referred to him having "a licence" and that on termination of the employment that licence would cease forthwith. The employee agreed to £5 a week being deducted from his salary in relation to his occupation.

In December 1989 the employer, finding that the employee was disqualified for driving, dismissed him summarily and began the possession proceedings.

In relation to the thorny issue as to when an employee was a licensee and not a tenant of premises belonging to his employer, it was clear that the employee could be a licensee if he was genuinely required to occupy the premises for the better performance of his duties.

It would not suffice if the occupation was a fringe benefit or an inducement to encourage the employee to work better. Unless the occupation fulfilled that test, the fact that the employee had exclusive possession and paid rent would almost inevitably establish a service tenancy.

Had the employee obtained a PSV licence and become a coach driver he could undoubtedly have been regarded as a licensee: his occupation of the bungalow would have been beneficial to his employment.

But Mr Seaward submitted that the employment situation that had to be considered was that which existed in fact at the time the licence was entered into and the employee's occupation of the premises was irrelevant to his employment as a mechanic.

The judge was entitled to conclude that the employee was a licensee. He was allowed into occupation on the basis that he would work as a coach driver.

It would not be sensible to restrict an employer's ability to grant a licence to situations where the employee's employment which would be benefited by his taking up occupation commenced simultaneously with or prior to the occupation of the premises.

What was required was sufficient factual nexus between the commencement of the occupation of the premises and the employment. If it became apparent that the employee was not going to be able to fulfil the requirements of that employment within a reasonable time the position might have been different. But if it was contemplated, as here, that the employee would within a reasonable time be able to take up the relevant employment that would suffice.

It was a case where it was proper to regard the defendant as going into occupation as a licensee in order better to perform his duties when he became a coach driver.

The second issue that arose was as to the application of the requirements as to giving of notice to quit. No notice was given to the employee that complied with section 5(1A) of the 1977 Act, as amended.

That provision was only contravened where a notice which did not comply with the subsection was required to be given to determine a periodic licence. The draftsman's reference to such a licence created a new animal not defined in the 1977 Act or in the Housing Act 1988.

The employee's employment could be ended summarily, if appropriate, or on a week's notice, and when the employment came to an end so did the licence. Section 5(1A) had no application.

Further the licence was not a periodic licence: it was for the period of the employment. Section 5(1A) confined its operation to those licences which continued for a series of periods until terminated by notice. The analogy was with a weekly or monthly tenancy.

Having regard to the document signed by the employee, the weekly deduction made from his wages by way of rent was not sufficient to turn his licence into a periodic licence.

Section 5 of the 1977 Act would not apply to the majority of employment licences. They would usually end with the employment.

If premises were required to be occupied by an employee for the better performance of his employment, it was sensible that the premises should be required to be vacated as soon as the employment came to an end so that they could be occupied by another employee.

Lord Justice Staughton gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Balcombe agreed.

Solicitors: Holden & Co, Hastings; Menneer, Idle & Brackett, St Leonards-on-Sea.

Gravitational flow replacing water drawn off is not abstraction

British Waterways Board v Anglian Water Authority and Another

Before Mr Justice Mervyn Davies

[Judgment April 12]

The gravitational loss of water from a canal vested in and managed by the British Waterways Board, replacing water drawn from a connecting outfall channel by an occupier of land contiguous to the channel under a licence granted to it by the Anglian Water Authority was merely a consequence of the occupier's spraying operations *and not an abstraction from* inland water as defined by section 135(1) of the Water Resources Act 1963.

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing an action by the plaintiff, the British Waterways Board, which alleged that the granting of a licence by the first defendant, the Anglian Water Authority, (a predecessor to the National Rivers Authority) to the second defendant, W. Allison & Son (a firm) was *ultra vires*.

Section 135 of the 1963 Act provides: "(1) In this Act . . . the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively . . . :- 'abstraction', in relation to water contained in any source of supply in a river authority area, means the doing of anything whereby any of that water is removed from that source of supply and either — (a) ceases (either permanently or temporarily) to be comprised in the water resources of that area, or (b) is transferred to another source of supply in that area, and 'abstract' shall be construed accordingly."

Mr Gareth Williams, QC and Mr Anthony Seys Llewellyn for the plaintiff; Mr Gerard Ryan, QC and Mr Philip Petchey for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE MERVYN DAVIES said that the National Rivers Authority ("NRA") established by the Water Act 1989 was the successor to the Anglian Water Authority ("AWA") and other water authorities in relation to water resource functions: see section 4. It was agreed that the NRA should be regarded as the first defendant.

The dispute was about taking water from an outfall channel that joined the Oxpasture Drain to the Fossdyke Navigation Canal in Lincolnshire.

On June 11, 1986 the AWA granted a licence to the Allisons to abstract water from the outfall channel subject to provisions specified in the schedule to the licence.

BWB contended that on the true construction of section 131 of the Water Resources Act 1963 AWA were not empowered to grant that licence. They sought a declaration that the grant of the licence was *ultra vires*. It was common ground that the law had to be considered as it was in 1986.

The Fossdyke Canal was vested in and managed by BWB which was formed by the Transport Act 1962. Section 10 of that Act enacted, *inter alia*, that it should be the duty of the board to provide services and facilities on the inland waterways owned or managed by them.

Section 10(3)(d) empowered the board to abstract and sell untreated water from any inland waterway owned or managed by the board for any purpose. A licence to abstract water had generally to be obtained from the AWA (now NRA).

The granting of licences to extract was governed, for present purposes, by Part IV of the 1963 Act. A complication was introduced by section 131 of that Act. It was common ground that that section, see subsection (1), applied to the Fossdyke Canal as being an inland waterway owned or managed by BWB.

Section 131(2)(a) provided that in respect of abstraction from the canal no person other than the board should be entitled to apply for a licence.

The Allisons were the occupiers of land contiguous to the outfall channel which was admittedly an inland water and were therefore entitled to apply for a licence pursuant to section 27(2) of the 1963 Act.

His Lordship gave details of the licence which showed that water might be taken from a restricted length of the outfall channel.

The issue was that since the BWB and no one else might be licensed to take water from the Fossdyke Canal had the Allisons been licensed to take water from that canal? In his view they had not.

1 The Allisons had been licensed to abstract water from the outfall channel which was a separate source of supply within section 2 of the 1963 Act. The canal was admittedly a separate source of supply so it was not right to regard the channel as a dead arm of the canal and more particularly so because the channel and the canal were in separate ownerships. Thus the licence did not in terms authorise the abstraction of water from the canal.

2 There was the suggestion that, by reason of the wide definition of abstraction in section 135 of the 1963 Act, the licence in effect authorised the abstraction of water from the canal because it was inevitable that once water was taken from the outfall channel there would a consequential flow from the canal into the outfall channel.

But to cause water to move was not to remove it. The water that flowed into the outfall channel to replace the removed water could not be said to be removed by anything done by the Allisons. Their activity simply induced a flow from the canal to the channel. To abstract by removing signified a positive act and there was no positive activity by the Allisons that could be regarded as a removal of water from the canal to the channel.

3 Section 30(2) of the 1963 Act plainly contemplated that abstraction was to be effected by some appliance. No appliance operated in effecting the consequential flow from the canal to the channel.

The licence did not, therefore, authorise the abstraction of water from the canal, was not *ultra vires* and the action was dismissed.

Solicitors: Mr R. J. Duffy, St Pancras; Miss Della Shone, Peterborough.

Outburst in court

Regina v Boyes

Where, in a rape case, before the jury retired to consider their verdict, the complainant's mother shouted from the gallery of the court: "When is it going to come out about the other five women he attacked — the other girls he defiled?", the trial judge should have required of the jury whether they had heard what was said before coming to any conclusion as to what action he should take.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Boreham and Mr Justice Tucker) so held on April 12 in allowing an appeal by Paul William Boyes against his conviction at Gloucester Crown Court (Judge Hutton and a jury) on September 26, 1990 for rape and indecent assault.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that it was beyond a peradventure that if the jury had heard those words they could well have concluded that there were further charges in the background and, if that were so, then one could hardly think of anything more damaging or prejudicial to the defence case.

Such a situation called for the best help by counsel to the judge and very careful contemplation by the judge, preferably upon retirement, as to what he ought to do. It was somewhat surprising that neither counsel had invited the judge to consider a fresh trial.

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Kite marks call for legal eagles

Clients may soon demand that their lawyers have a certificate of quality, says Edward Fennell

TIM BISHOP

Quality service: by the end of the decade, a BS5750 kite mark for lawyers could be commonplace, says Andrew Lockley at the Law Society

Like it or not, management jargon such as "total quality management" and "customer care" will be heard increasingly around law firms in the next few years. The Law Society intends to issue a briefing document on quality management and, according to the society's Andrew Lockley, there is a strong possibility that by the end of the decade British Standard 5750, which covers the maintenance of quality control systems, will be commonplace in English and Welsh law firms.

"The so-called bulk buyers of legal services such as the Legal Aid Board may start to insist that firms gain recognition under BS5750, and that will give many firms little option," Mr Lockley says. "Either they will be registered or they will cease to do publicly funded work."

Already in the surveying profession the Property Services Agency has shown that it prefers to allot work to quantity surveyors registered under BS5750, a kind of kite mark. It would be a natural development for the government to follow suit in the legal profession.

BS5750 essentially covers what must be done to achieve quality rather than how it is done. Experience elsewhere in the professional world has shown that the British Standards Institution disciplines are rigorous and will inevitably cause middle-ranking and lower-ranking law firms, and perhaps even barristers' chambers, to re-examine their operations and the meaning of quality. For most successful organisations, this implies only a slight modification of existing practices to satisfy the detail of the BSI. It is the mediocre firms that need to change most to meet standards.

So far, only Rodger Pannone's firm, Pannone March Pearson, in Manchester, has achieved registration with the BSI, but other progressive firms, particularly in the regions, are keen to follow suit.

The meaning of quality in the legal context is an interesting issue. Most law firms pride themselves on providing high-quality services, but nobody is sure whether that means they devise ingenious solutions to difficult problems, or that they promptly answer letters and return telephone calls.

Measuring the quality of legal services may be difficult. For example, BS5750 has proved enormously popular in the engineering industry, but lawyers will want to look in detail at its relevance to their practices. For example, a participant at a recent conference on quality organised by *The Lawyer* magazine was sceptical about bureacratic processes, arguing that the ultimate arbiter of quality should be the client. The problem is, however, that if the client is a lay person, he or she will be ill-placed to make an informed judgment. That is why lawyers are suggesting that registration will have the greatest impact on the mass-production type of legal services, where opportunities for supervision by partners are limited.

Victor Semmens, the chairman of the national network Eversheds, happily accepts the need for registration. Quality is central to the way his member firms are being integrated into a coherent national unit, he says. However, if the national firm is to have any "added value", it has to guarantee quality of performance in all respects.

Cavan Taylor, the incoming senior partner at Lovell White Durrant, says most of his firm's clients are sophisticated users of legal services and can compare performance. The high emphasis placed on quality during staff training is part of his firm's culture.

However, although a firm such as Lovell may not be troubled by the Legal Aid Board's demands, it may find its larger clients, who are registered under BS5750, prefer their lawyers vetted in this way. What is good for the client must be good for the professional adviser.

There is no place for a tax on justice in Britain

'Why do we pay VAT on legal services when medical treatment is exempt?'

POLL taxes existed in England as long ago as the 14th and 15th centuries, and were as much resented then as now. There was even a window tax from 1679 to 1851, illustrated by the walled-up window spaces one can still see. Only recently did the taxman turn his eyes, and hands, to the law, imposing 17.5 per cent VAT on legal services.

I make a strong plea for this tax to be abolished or given a zero rating. As a grudging alternative, the tax could be graded according to the class of work. I regard any legal services tax as unjustifiable. It is a tax on justice. At £17.50 in £100 it may not sound a great deal, but few legal services are available for £100 and the VAT is an accumulating tax in that a solicitor must claim it, and counsel, if consulted, and in litigation it is renewed for solicitor and counsel and becomes part of the case costs.

The amounts involved often run into hundreds of pounds, sometimes thousands. There is no possible justification for this tax in a country that prides itself on its ready availability of justice. I do not pay VAT to my doctor, surgeon or dentist, so why should I pay it to my solicitor and, respectively, my counsel? Legal help can often be more urgent and more important than medical treatment.

Big companies and big businesses can offset the tax within the VAT system or against general tax. Similarly, to a greater or lesser extent, a person registered for VAT need not worry about reasonable sums for legal services. But what about individuals of modest means, already heavily taxed and not registered for VAT? This applies to many.

It is a person's fundamental right to be advised of his rights and duties and to pursue or defend a claim. To tax him on this right is wrong. Critics often claim that legal costs have got out of hand, but could we not start tackling this by getting rid of VAT?

Surprisingly, professional bodies and members of the legal professions have ignored this matter. If King John had mentioned it at Runnymede in 1215, the barons would have drowned him in the adjoining river.

JAMES COMYN

● *Sir James Comyn is a former High Court judge and a former chairman of the Bar.*

INNS AND OUTS

Exit the layman

WHEN 2 Hare Court brought in non-lawyer Tim Barker as director, the move was welcomed by barristers' chambers that wanted to move into the 21st century. Old habits die hard, however. Mr Barker, who joined in January 1990, left in February this year.

When asked about his departure, he declined to comment. The set described the parting as "amicable". Stanley Brodie, QC, said: "It was not a failure as an experiment, nor a disastrous mistake. It just unfortunately did not work out."

The signs are, however, that the Bar's first taste of the outside world of management, and vice versa, came as a shock. Mr Barker, formerly a Trustee Savings Bank manager, devised a business plan, but the tenants could not agree on the way forward. The chambers intends to advertise for a new director once it has "clarified the issues".

Unscrewed

THIS month's Legal Action Group journal reveals that on February 11 the Attorney-General told MPs in a Commons written answer that four screwdrivers worth £1.20 together had disappeared from the Serious Fraud Office in the past three years. His office and that of the Treasury solicitor have mercifully been free from theft. The Crown Prosecution Service, however, has lost goods worth £10,605, including a £400 lawnmower.

Quality winner

ANOTHER Liverpool firm has proved that legal aid can pay. Goldsmith Williams has become the first law firm to win a North West Business and Industry Award.

The firm was set up by two partners in 1984 with three part-time secretaries. Today it has five partners and 55 staff, and offices in Liverpool's city centre and in Birkenhead. The growth is all the more surprising as most of its work is civil legal aid. The firm has about 700 tranquilliser-addiction cases at present.

The awards are given for a firm's contribution to the northwest, its record as an employer and its commercial, technical and financial success. While other law firms in the area close branch offices, Goldsmith Williams, which won in the section for up to 75 employees, says the key to its success is a large throughput of cases, handled by experienced lawyers, backed with specialised computer systems. "We want to make what we can from legal aid but also give a quality service," one partner says.

Country coup

WILSONS, a ten-partner firm in Salisbury, Wiltshire, has scored a coup with the acquisition of McKenna's private client department together with two partners.

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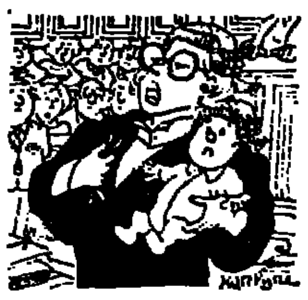

NEARLY twice as many women return to work after childbirth, and many more are working full-time than ten years ago, according to a survey by the Equal Opportunities Commission. However, the survey also showed that two in five women in Britain do not qualify for the right to return after pregnancy because of the limits of the statutory entitlements.

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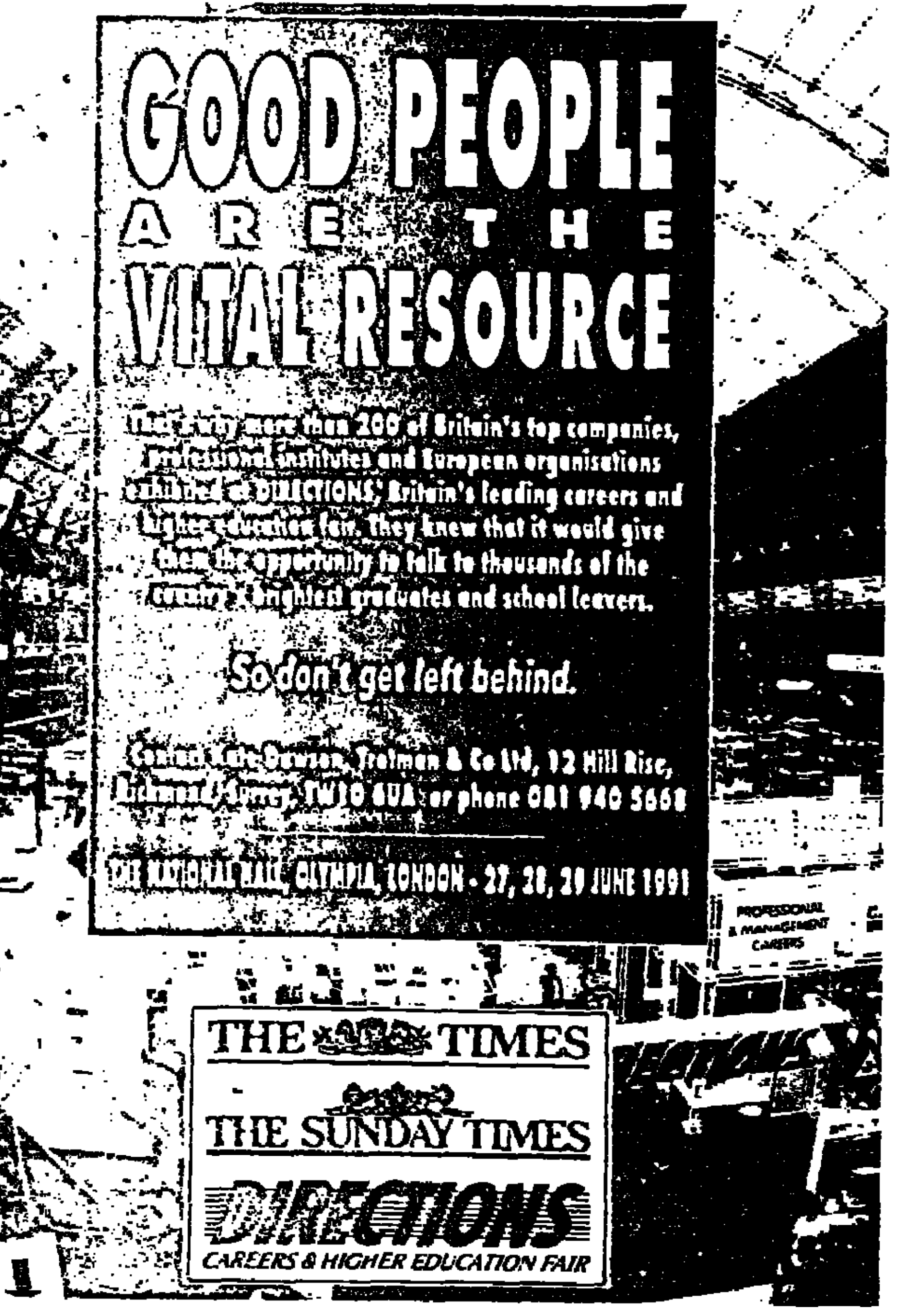

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Craftsman's ancient art is bound by tradition

Modern production methods have reduced demand for bookbinding, but the trade is still going strong. Bernardine Coverley reports

Most people are taught that the contents of a book are more important than the cover. However, for some, the cover is unquestionably the interesting part.

In an age of paperbacks and machine binding, the art and craft of bookbinding still has a role. The demand arises from student theses, company reports, papers for law libraries, repairs, conservation and design binding for small presses.

A master craftsman designs and makes the highly specialised bindings for books of historical and artistic value. More prosaically, leather-bound false books are still requested to camouflage private bars, or to add a touch of class to a director's office.

"We have to keep the craft alive," says Roy Russell, the binderies manager at the British Library. "There is a legacy of old books in our care and our library needs to be in a good enough condition to be handled by many readers."

Oddly enough, it is books published after about 1840 that deteriorate more rapidly and need either rebinding in keeping with the original style, or restoring.

Mr Russell has seen many changes in the years since he started as an apprentice at the British Library bindery. The seven-year apprenticeships no longer exist but each year trainees are taken on for three-and-a-half years.

With a million books awaiting attention, it is not surprising that Mr Russell and several of his colleagues are still devoted to their task. There are plenty of applications to join the staff.

There is a quiet, patient atmosphere in the long rooms where the binders work, and the sweet smell of glue drifts in the air. Piles of books showing the effects of age or constant handling are stacked ready for their renewed covers.

Mr Russell says: "When the books arrive here they are assessed, then, if the book is valuable, the leather is cleaned and repairs are made in such a way that this is evident. Everything we use must be reversible — adhesives that can be undone — and archivally correct."

On the workbench, an atlas has an order note for its tattered blue cloth to be replaced by dark red buckram, some music manuscript has been washed and laid out to dry before binding, and Marie Stopes's letters are now available to readers in newly made loose binders. Silk headbanding and spine stitching take place in the sewing room. This is not a simple job and there are different styles, according to the country of origin.

A hot press is ready for the final touch to classic leather volumes. Thin sheets of gold are laid on the spine and cover, while the stamps heat up. Book and stamp are then pressed and the surplus rubbed away, leaving the gold lettering and decoration.

If this bindery, with a staff of 60, is on a grander scale than the typical workshop, it is because it represents a macrocosm of everything that a book could possibly need in the way of binding.

Bookbinders need time and commitment to get started and although a period of employment in a bindery is usual, the craft has adapted to a small business approach, with self-employed binders spread over the country.

Ken Olney, a tutor at the London College of Printing, says: "It is a good field to be in but the quality of work has to be proven before setting up independently." Because the need is constant but not large, the modern hand binderies tend to be two or three people working together who can then employ extra help when needed. Bookbinding has not always had such a modern outlook. In keeping with a craft that evolved with carefully guarded trade secrets and long apprenticeships, division of labour was strict.

Sewing the pages and the headbands was women's work and required skill. Making the "case" of leather or cloth — trimming and finishing — jobs where artistry could be developed, was for men. Trade binderies still show signs of this male bias and even the Bookbinding & Allied Trades Management Association has admitted women only recently. This is a wise move: two-thirds of bookbinding students are female.

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JOHN MANNING

Cover story: bookbinder Rosie Gray adds a touch of quality

PROFILE

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However, such high standards do not automatically guarantee success. "We publicise ourselves with mailshots to firms who regularly need bookbinding for such things as company reports," Miss More says.

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Courteous hero from daring sporting age

Brian James enjoys a Sunday lunchtime conversation between two of the legendary figures of motor racing

Motorists divide into two types: those who, when out-driven going into the roundabout, bawl "who do you think you are, Stirling Moss?" at the offender's departing exhaust. And those who yell " Oi you, Fangio!" Why do we recall so vividly these two men when it is three decades since they stopped doing what they did best? Not because of their unequalled success: Juan Fangio was five times world champion: Moss, not once. We have them clear in mind partly, of course, because they lived when many of their rivals died.

We remember them mostly because, courtesy of Pathe and Movietone, they lit up that black-and-white world with the vivid colours of speed, daring and idealism. Their races sent a generation of schoolboys home to build their own BRM from a margarine box and four pram wheels, to reverse their kindergarten caps in imitation of Fangio's leather helmet, and to make a down-payment on a fantasy life that explains the world's brisk-driven Cortinas.

Any male of that generation would have paid well for my place at Sunday lunch with these two, listening to them capping anecdote with anecdote, talking with affection of their own heroes, the cars of the great marques. Do they know why they are still so well remembered? "I was always given the best cars," Fangio said. "Because of my odd christian name," Moss offered. You are not expected to believe either.

With only a few words of Italian as common language, the Argentine and the Englishman have been close since they first raced, in 1949. Admiration is its own translator. "In anything, ability forms a pyramid," Moss says, "with room for only one man at the top. In motor sport, Fangio has that place." When he retired in 1958, Fangio reveals, he gave Moss a clock inscribed: "To the future world champion." He adds now: "Wrong? Not about his driving. Just his fortune. The accident . . . Ah. When I first saw him I said 'This boy. Madonna! What a man he will be.' But, Ah, his fortune."

Moss's memory of their first race in rivalry: "I was cheeky. In my little Cooper I had no real chance, but the great Farina bullied me going into a corner, and somehow lost his own line. So coming out of the bend I wriggled past and led him for about 50 yards until his power took over. He was bloody furious! But Fangio, who was right on his tail, also came past, laughing like a drain. That HAD to be the way to go about this racing . . . giving everything to it, except your sense of humour."

Why these two are together now is because Moss has produced a book on his hero and ours to mark Fangio's eightieth birthday. Dinners in London, Buenos Aires, Germany and Italy will be entertained with the tales of racing's great era which fill this book and which seasoned our lunch.

Fangio, born in the little town of Balcarce, was given his first car instead of wages for a year's work as the local blacksmith's apprentice, fell in love with driving and drove his first race in the village taxi, which he had to restore to hireable condition at the end. Fangio, at 38 Argentina's champion, came to Europe in 1949, the year Moss, then 19, also began. Moss puts down his fork. "I had conked. Went to watch the others. Farina, then the best, kept whizzing by this corner, missing the strawbales by a whisker. But every time this other type came by, he clipped the bale and left a whisp of straw dancing in the air. Not often; EVERY time. At 95mph he was giving himself a half-inch more line for the corner. Phenomenal."

Precision then the key? Fangio points his fish knife: "Aiming a grand prix car at a bend is like throwing a dart. Once it leaves your hand it is too late for correction. You see a driver wrestling with the wheel, dramatic, but you know he is wrong. Sitting there, doing nothing, is the winner. Ten centimetres wrong going in, is a metre wrong coming out."

Then-compared-with-Now is a constant theme as the plates are changed. Fangio's 1950s cars, when he was visible from the waist up and we could see him at his work, looked so much more identifiable than the winged monsters that . . . "But no, I should LOVE to drive one of today's McLarens . . . ," Fangio broke in. "And I could. They are not so much faster. Except through the corners, and for that they have wider wheels, wings . . . What machines! Senna and Berger have the same car, but they do a different job. If I was 26 now I could again be world champion in Senna's machine." But what if in Berger's machine; in other word's would you beat Senna? "I must give you diplomatic answer. I would hope to prove I had chosen the faster car." Then: "You see, you must always believe you will become the best, but you must never believe you have done so."

DES JENSON

Fangio, in the Mercedes with which he won the 1955 world title, chats with Moss, yesterday. Inset: Fangio and Moss in 1958

("You are listening," Moss said, "to the world's most confidently humble man.")

The Then-versus-Now hung in the air over other Moss anecdotes. He recalled the late Mike Hawthorn describing a race when he and Fangio had been wheel-to-wheel down the straight, looking across to glimpse each other's rev counters and yelling, laughing defiance at each other. Moss recalled the act of another lamented man, Peter Collins, who surrended his car to Fangio at a pit stop to enable the Argentinian to finish a race on which his 1956 world title depended. Fangio added the tale of how Jack Brabham had given him a vital spare "even though he knew I would go on and beat him. And I did."

Mansell and Senna LAUGHING at each other as they dice in the straight? Patrese handing Prost the keys to his own car? Could any of this happen now or ever again? "No," Fangio said. "I tell you why. The helicopters. Now all drivers fly off at the finish. When we ended a race we would all have dinner together. ("Had to," Moss broke in "Only way you'd get your race money.")

Fangio: "At those dinners we talked everything through. Anyone who had not acted in proper fashion, a cavalier, would be frozen out, until he had his lesson. We were very severe when a man was dangerous or rude."

But the helicopter was only a symptom of a greater influence. "Yes," Fangio said. "Money. The rewards are very great. Unimaginable. ("For winning the German GP," Moss muttered, "I was paid what I get for an hour's PR at the Motor Show now.") But inside themselves drivers begin for the same reasons we began racing. I saw that if I were driving today I would enjoy the money, but still I would conduct myself as I did then. Precisely so. And if I could not win being single-minded, yet also fair, then soon I should not race. I do not think race tactics have changed. But perhaps the ethics. Perhaps the respect for each other is lacking. Where is the honour to beat a man unless you have given him an equal chance?"

("Tell you something," Moss said. "When we were racing together [with BRM and later Mercedes] they used to call us 'the train'. That is because I used to try to thunder along behind him. He was my comfort blanket. The speeds, the manner he took those bends seemed crazy . . . but if Fangio thought it OK, I'd just cling as close as I could. And never, never once, as he lapped another car, did he fail to gesture to the other driver to keep over, there was another rival coming through behind him, so not to hold him up."

Moss saw the question forming. "No . . . no, that couldn't happen now." Part of the eightieth birthday celebrations for Juan Manuel Fangio will be the opening of the Fangio motor-race museum in Balarce. What you may capture in a hall are the cars and the trophies, the hub-cap-to-helmet-and-jock-strap artifacts of the man. What no exhibit and increasing fewer men are able to describe is his profound part in an age of sporting daring that was Then, and may never again be Now.

* *Fangio — a Pirelli album*, by Stirling Moss published by Pavilion Books Limited, 196 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2 H8JL. Price £25.

YACHTING

Racing's cream rises for top race

By MALCOLM McKEAG

NINE nations have challenged for this year's Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup, the biennially held British event which is accepted universally as being the unofficial world championship of offshore yacht racing. There is no official world championship.

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While some observers view the fall in numbers attending the British event as evidence of failure on the part of the organisers (the Royal Ocean Racing Club) to keep grand prix yacht racing popular, neither Donald Parr, the chairman of the event's management committee, nor Alan Green, the race director of the club, see things that way.

"We don't play the numbers game," Parr said yesterday. "The Admiral's Cup is quite deliberately an elitist event, unashamedly for the best in the world. We are proud that nations like Japan and Australia still come halfway round the world to prove that."

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The elite may still be keen, but worldwide economic difficulties have undoubtedly curtailed their collective effort. The Netherlands, Ireland and Sweden are among those nations which have been forced to abandon Admiral's Cup plans simply because not enough owners with enough money could be found: one campaign can cost between £250,000 and £500,000.

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Fly Away Soon to keep pot boiling for in-form Cole

THE performances of Half A Tick at Newmarket on Thursday and Widyan at Newbury the following day will have encouraged Paul Cole to think that he can also capture the Warren Stakes at Kempton today with their galloping companion, Fly Away Soon.

After Fly Away Soon had made a highly impressive winning seasonal debut on today's track on Easter Monday, Cole said that he was thinking in terms of a crack at either the French or Italian Derby.

As his first outing was over only ten furlongs, today's longer race will show whether he has the stamina for those classics. It will also show whether he is good enough, because today's opposition is much stronger.

Circus Light has already met two of today's rivals, beating Matahif by eight lengths at Nottingham in September before going under by a neck to Sea Level at Ascot in October.

Matahif came good later when his trip was stretched to ten furlongs and today's distance should be no problem for him. Nor should it worry Circus Light, who is by Kalaglow out of the Oaks winner, Circus Plume.

MANDARIN

Michael Phillips

Peking Opera, the only other runner, broke his duck at Leicester after twice being beaten at Newmarket by good horses in Sharifabad and Sapieha.

It promises to be a fascinating contest but Fly Away Soon, the only member of the field to have run this year, will have the edge as far as fitness is concerned and is napped to follow up.

Incidentally, today's meeting, normally run at Epsom, has been switched to Kempton because of building work at the Surrey course.

Although Sumonda, my selection for the Princess Elizabeth Stakes, has won twice but her best performances came in defeat: initially by the highly-rated Safa first time out at Nottingham and again when fourth in the Cheveley Park Stakes.

After that, she scored at Leicester on her last appearance as a two-year-old and again on her seasonal debut this spring.

As there is little between Joli's Princess and Joie De Soir on their running together in the Masaka Stakes, Ausherra could well turn out the *main threat to Sumonda on* the strength of a fine second to Jaffa Line at Goodwood last summer.

No Submission, Lord Of Tusmore, Hateel, Johns Joy, Operation Wolf and Eire Leath-Sceal, the first six home in the Rosebery Stakes here on Easter Monday, all turn out for the Westminster-Motor (Taxi) Insurance City and Suburban Handicap run over the same course and distance.

Hateel and Operation Wolf have both won since, the latter most impressively by five lengths at Newmarket a week ago. Even with a 5lb penalty for that victory, he is my choice.

Just A Step, who turned a handicap at Warwick into a procession on his seasonal debut three weeks ago, is taken to win the Ladbroke Credit Handicap while the Taxinews Handicap can go to Paper Dart, a good second to Lovealoch here on Easter Monday.

At Perth, Jinxy Jack can make a successful switch back to fences in the Tote Credit Novices' Chase while Robert Dear, who has twice finished second since beating the talented Jodami at Wetherby, can regain the winning habit in the Tote Credit Novices' Hurdle.

Cahervillahow to fly the Irish flag

By Christopher Goulding

CAHERVILLAHOW, Ireland's representative in Saturday's Whitbread Gold Cup, has outstanding credentials to collect jumping's last major prize of the season at Sandown Park.

Despite only two previous winners of the 3m 5f handicap chase having come from Ireland — the immortal Arkle and Drumlargan — Mouse Morris is hopeful Cahervillahow can rectify the situation.

"My horse is in cracking form," said Morris. "I should think he will handle the firm ground all right as he ran a good race in the Hennessy on fast ground when third to Arctic Call."

On his latest outing Cahervillahow finished a gallant second to Omerta in the Irish National. "The form looks good with Omerta running well again in the Scottish National," Morris added. "My fellow also ran a great race to be second to Seagram, giving him 13lb, in the Ritz at Cheltenham. He certainly deserves to win a decent race."

Seagram's participation depends on the ground. "We want to run," said David Barons. "The horse is very well and I will wait until Thursday to see what the ground is like."

Nick Cheyne, the Sandown clerk of the course, said: "I am very pleased with the ground. "After last night's rain, which made one third of an inch in the last four days, I am not going to water today. I will take a view about watering again first thing tomorrow."

If the National winner does not line up, Barons could be represented by Yiragan. The nine-year-old would carry the colours of Marcus Marsh, who owned the dual Whitbread winner Larbawn.

Morris: confident about his Whitbread chance

Mr Frisk, 4-1 favourite with Ladbrokes, will be attempting to win the race for the second time. He is reported in good order by Kim Bailey along with the trainer's other representative, Docklands Express, who is 4-1 favourite with Hills.

Martin Pipe has yet to declare his hand regarding Bonanza Boy and Omerta. If Bonanza Boy is taken out, the weights will go up 11lb. However, Toby Balding is more than likely to be represented by Boraceva, who finished fourth to the Arthur Stephenson-trained Killone Abbey in the Scottish National.

ACCEPTORS: Bonanza Boy 10yrs-11st-0lb, Mr Frisk 12-10-10, Chervillahow 7-10-9, Ten Of Spades 11-10-6, Seagram 11-9-13, Boraceva 8-9-11, Docklands Express 9-9-10, Omerta 11-9-8, Wont Be Gone Long 9-9-3, Durham Edition 13-9-3, Vulgan Warrior 9-8-8, Baring Jack 10-8-4, Yiragan 9-8-0, Lauderdale Lad 9-7-7, Turis Hill 9-7-5.

BETTING: Ladbrokes: 4-1 Mr Frisk, 5-1 Cahervillahow, Docklands Express, Seagram, 7-1 Boraceva, Vulgan Warrior, Wont Be Gone Long. Hills: 4-1 Docklands Express, 9-2 Seagram, 11-2 Cahervillahow, Mr Frisk, 7-1 Omerta, Wont Be Gone Long, 12-1 Ten Of Spades.

Jahafil to return at Sandown

By Phil McLennan

SHEIKH Hamdan Al-Maktoum unleashes another weapon in his formidable three-year-old arsenal when Jahafil, who worked well after racing at Newbury on Saturday, makes his reappearance in the Thresher Classic Trial at Sandown Park on Saturday.

The Rainbow Quest colt, who wound up his juvenile campaign with a second to Mujaazif in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot in September, heads the 11 five-day acceptors for the £60,000 group three prize.

Dick Hern, Jahafil's trainer, has an outstanding record in a race which has proved to be the most informative trial of recent times. Hern has won the race with Bustino, Riboboy, Troy and Henbit, the last pair going on to Derby glory.

Michael Stoute, who launched the three-year-old campaigns of his two Derby winners Shergar and Shahrastani in this race, has declared only Evasive Prince from an original entry of seven. The impressive Lingfield winner is not yet a certain runner, though.

Henry Cecil's Wakashan is also doubtful. "He won't run if Suomi runs," Cecil said yesterday. "If he misses Sandown, he'll go back to Newmarket next week for the Newmarket Stakes over ten furlongs."

Suomi, owned like Wakashan by Sheikh Mohammed, also holds an entry in Friday's Harvester Graduation Stakes at Sandown, a race his trainer, Luca Cumani has won with Kahyasi and Pirate Army.

ACCEPTORS: Evasive Prince, Green's Ferneley, Hailsham, Half A Tick, Jaffa Line, Jahafil, Matahif, Regal Sabre, Suomi, Surrealist, Wakashan.

Farthing draws level at top

By Brian Beel

A DISLOCATED finger sustained by the fall of Confused Express in the four-mile open at the Dartmoor point-to-point on Saturday prevented Phillip Scholfield from fulfilling subsequent engagements and allowed Justin Farthing, with his win on Highland Chatter, at the Seavington, to draw level in the title race.

Confused Express, the favourite, was prominent at the time in the race eventually won by Tom Greed on Lucky Hanassi. Mandy Turner, recovered from her shoulder injury, was back on board the easy winner of the ladies' open. For A Lark, who continues to share the lead with Fort Hall on six wins apiece for *The Daily Telegraph* Trophy.

The ladies' title race is also all square after Pip Nash's single win on Justthewayyouare at the Meynell and South Staffs put her on the 14 mark with Alison Dare. At this meeting, Sunstone Arch, a qualifier for *The Times* championship at Towcester on May 24, was the impressive winner of the adjacent under Charles Barlow, in the fastest time of the day.

Making a quick return to the saddle after giving birth to a son, Jake, less than four weeks ago, Lucy Gibbon won the ladies' race on Bold Fisher at the Essex and Suffolk. Two severe snow storms disrupted the meeting but it was a happy start for 'Fizz' Chown's daughter, Gi, in the members' race on Alcoholic Haze. She now needs to ride a further 80 winners to emulate her mother.

At the Braes of Derwent, where Super Trucker landed a gamble from 12-1 to 4-1 under Michael Dun in the open, there was a battle over the last five fences between Steele Justice and Flying Ace in the ladies' open. Steele Justice got his neck in front in the last few strides for Paula Robson, thus recording his fifth win of the season.

Most successful rider of the day was Robin Tate who rounded off his good day at the Bedale on his own horse, Robin's Choice, in the maiden after wins in the adjacent on Gold Asset and in the restricted on Ocean Day.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Brighton

Going: firm

2.00 (6f) 1, Come On My Girl (M Roberts, 13-8 fav); 2, Sweet Soul Dream (3-1); 3, Dosha (6-1) 11 ran. NR: Jaldi. 2½l, 3l. R Boss. Tote: £2.30, £1.20, £1.10, £3.00. DF: £2.70. CSF: £6.62. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, Puff Puff (S Cauthen, 11-2); 2, Checkpoint Charlie (8-1); 3, Tropicate (10-1). 4, Tiger Claw (7-1). Go Forum 3-1 fav. 18 ran. 1l, 1l, 3l. Miss B Sanders. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £2.10, £4.10, £1.80. DF: £19.50. CSF: £49.11. Tricast: £400.87.

3.00 (1m 2f) 1, Maraakiz (W Carson, 11-10 jt-fav); 2, Tapatch (8-1); 3, River Island (11-10 jt-fav). 3 ran. 2½l, ¾l. J Dunlop. Tote: £5.91. DF: £1.90. CSF: £5.00

3.30 (1m) 1, Juvenara (W Carson, 2-1 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Pleasure Ahead (10-1); 3, Marjons Boy (7-1); 4, My Ruby Ring (14-1). 16 ran. NR: Royal Resort. 6l, ½l, 4l. R Hodges. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £2.00, £1.50, £3.30. DF: £8.00. CSF: £22.70. Tricast: £112.02.

4.00 (1m) 1, Lifewatch Vision (R P Elliott, 5-6 fav); 2, Glassblower (100-30); 3, Dickens Lane (8-1). 6 ran. 3l, 3l. M Johnston. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.40. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.89.

4.30 (1m) 1, Lamarsh (S Cauthen, 8-11 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, De La Bihere (33-1); 3, Romanian (7-2). 9 ran. 4l, 2l. J Gosden. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.30, £1.30. DF: £16.30. CSF: £24.64.

5.00 (1m) 1, Trembalino (A Martinez, 15-8 fav); 2, Arogato (W R Swinburn, 100-30); 3, Savarica (13-2). 9 ran. Nk, 1½l. R Smyth. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £1.90, £2.60. DF: £4.40. CSF: £7.67.

5.30 (5f 66yd) 1, How's Yer Father (W Carson, 12-1); 2, Maid Welcome (25-1); 3, Serious Hurry (15-8 fav). 13 ran. Nk, 2l. R Hodges. Tote: £17.20; £3.70, £5.10, £2.00. DF: £109.30. CSF: £245.71. Tricast: £740.11.

Placepot: £369.00.

Hamilton Park

Going: good

2.15 (5f) 1, Fair Share (D Holland, 16-1); 2, Orchard Bay (11-2); 3, Daily Sport Girl (11-4). Flying Quest 7-4 fav. 8 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. R Stubbs. Tote: £49.30; £3.90, £1.30, £3.00. DF: £86.70. CSF: £92.84. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.45 (6f) 1, Miss Broughton (M Wigham, 7-4 fav); 2, Stately March (7-1); 3, Weed (9-2). 6 ran. 1½l, ½l. W Musson. Tote: £2.60; £2.10, £3.60. DF: £12.10. CSF: £12.21. After a stewards' enquiry the result stood.

3.15 (1m 40yd) 1, Good For The Roses (W Newnes, 6-1 fav); 2, Stay Awake (13-2); 3, Northgate King (13-2); 4, Foolish Touch (20-1). 17 ran. NR: Nothing's Free. 2l, 3½l. M McCormack. Tote: £4.10; £1.40, £3.00, £3.30, £3.30. DF: £53.20. CSF: £40.55. Tricast: £238.41.

3.45 (1m 40yd) 1, Guapa (Pat Eddery, 13-8 fav); 2, Sabaah (5-1); 3, Qualitair Sound (12-1). 7 ran. NR: Saint Bene't. 1l, ¾l. M Stoute. Tote: £2.30; £1.80, £3.00. DF: £8.30. CSF: £9.85.

4.15 (1m 1f) 1, All Greek To Me (J Bleasdale, 11-2); 2, Tequila Gold (20-1); 3, Courting Newmarket (12-1). Tuhru, Mister Goff 5-1 jt-favs. 14 ran. 2l, 3l. C Thornton. Tote: £6.30; £1.20, £9.30, £4.30. DF: £131.10. CSF: £102.57. Tricast: £1180.78.

4.45 (1m 3f) 1, Family Line (N Connorton, 20-1); 2, Cruise Party (11-2); 3, Lassoo (85-40). Interrogate 15-8 fav. 8 ran. 1l, 12l. M Camacho. Tote: £32.20; £6.50, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £144.10. CSF: £117.02.

5.15 (1m 5f) 1, Fitcham (A Mackay, 8-1); 2, Brusque (25-1); 3, Needwood Sprite (11-1). Access Cruise 7-2 fav. 15 ran. NR: Military Honour, Pathero. 4l, nk. W Musson. Tote: £13.30; £3.40, £10.20, £1.70. DF: £56.00. CSF: £185.18. Tricast: £1996.08.

Placepot: £512.80.

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3.10 Sumonda.	3.10 Sumonda.	4.10 Just A Step.
3.40 Operation Wolf.	3.40 HATEEL (nap).	
4.10 Just A Step.	4.10 Sleepline Fantasy.	
4.40 Paper Dart.	4.40 Surrey Racing.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 She's Special. 3.10 Sumonda. 3.40 OPERATION WOLF (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5f-6f, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 CUDDINGTON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,880: 5f) (17 runners)

101	(16)		ELYSIAN SPRITE (P Jacobs) N Graham 8-10	W R Swinburn	—
102	(7)	5	ENERGIC 18 (Mrs B Long) John FitzGerald 8-7	N Day	—
103	(11)	0	GEMINI BAY 18 (N Castleton) R Voorspuy 8-7	S Dawson	—
104	(15)		PONTE CERVO (W Martin) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-7	G Duffield	—
105	(7)		SYSTEMATIC (Mrs F Cooney and Mrs A Turner) R Hannon 8-7	B Rouse	—
106	(6)		TAURIAN ROYALE (M Shaw) P Tulk 8-7	A Clark	—
107	(8)	4	CRECHE 18 (B) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-4	M Roberts	—
108	(5)		DUTY SERGEANT (W Mann) M Muggeridge 8-4	J Williams	—
109	(5)	6	JOE FROM MONACO 18 (J Robertson) G Lewis 8-4	Paul Eddery	—
110	(3)		MIGHTY LADY (Mighty Quinn Racing) M Channon 8-2	J Quinn	—
111	(10)		PENNY DROPS (S Sharp) Pat Mitchell 8-2	S O'Gorman (5)	—
112	(2)		X MY HEART (S Squires) R Hannon 8-2	W Carson	—
113	(14)		GOEWIN (T Barker) M Usher 7-13	—	—
114	(17)		LADY LINNET (N Kersey) P Cole 7-13	C Rutter	—
115	(12)	6	MYKINDOFMUSIC 17 (M Haynes) M Haynes 7-13	T Williams	—
116	(13)		OVER SHARP (Moss Side Racing Group) J Berry 7-13	A Munro	—
117	(4)	4	SHE'S SPECIAL 10 (R Milburn) J Payne 7-13	A Mackay	—

BETTING: 3-1 X My Heart, 7-2 Over Sharp, 9-2 Joe From Monaco, 5-1 Lady Linnet, 8-1 Creche, Energic, 10-1 Elysian Sprite, 12-1 others.

1990: (Run at Epsom) DOMINO TRICK 8-6 Pat Eddery (6-4 fav) J Berry 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CRECHE 3l 4th to Miss Nosey Parker over course and distance (good to soft) with ENERGIC (1lb worse off) 2l 5th, JOE FROM MONACO (same terms) 6l 6th and GEMINI BAY (1lb worse off) tailed off 7th. MYKINDOFMUSIC 13l 8th to Macs Buckaroo at Lingfield (AW, 5f, standard). SHE'S SPECIAL 3l 4th to Titch Wizard at Warwick (5f, good to firm). ELYSIAN SPRITE (foaled foaled Apr 4, cost 10,000gns) by Petorius out of 7f winner at 3 years. SYSTEMATIC (Mar 24, 6,700gns) by All Systems Go out of a 6f winner at 2 years and 7f-1m winner at 3 years. Half-brother to 1m selling winner Cover Inn. MIGHTY LADY (Feb 13, 8,000gns) by Petorius out of a winner of 9 races in the United States. Half-sister to Land Sun, winner of 4 races over 5f as a two-yearold. PENNY DROPS (Mar 5, 5,800gns) by Sharpo out of a middle-distance winner who was also placed in group II/III company. Half-sister to 6f winning juvenile Albert. OVER SHARP (May 28, 3,600gns) half-sister by Savahra to Beyond Our Reach, a dual winner over 5f as a juvenile.
Selection: CRECHE

2.35 WARREN STAKES

C4

(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £10,170: 1m 4f) (5 runners)

201	(2)	612-	CIRCUS LIGHT 192 (F) (Sir Robin McAlpine) J Dunlop 9-1	L Piggott	96
202	(4)	222311-	MATAHIF 171 (G,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-1	W Carson	98
203	(1)	2141-	SEA LEVEL 192 (C,F,G) (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 9-1	J Reid	● 99
204	(5)	2-1	FLY AWAY SOON 22 (C,G) (J Gutkin) P Cole 8-12	T Quinn	96
205	(3)	221-	PEKING OPERA 175 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-12	S Cauthen	87

BETTING: 5-4 Circus Light, 9-4 Sea Level, 9-2 Peking Opera, 11-2 Fly Away Soon, 14-1 Matahif.

1990: SHOUT AND SING 8-12 R Cochrane (85-40) G Harwood 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CIRCUS LIGHT beat MATAHIF (same terms) 8l at Nottingham (1m 50yd, good firm) on penultimate start. MATAHIF made all to complete double when beating Walim ¾l at Newmarket (1m 2f, good) final start. Previously beat Foxtrot Pie 5l at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to soft). SEA LEVEL beat CIRCUS LIGHT (same terms) a neck at Ascot (1m, good) on final start. Earlier made virtually all to beat Stylish Senor 2½l here (7f, good to firm), with CIRCUS LIGHT (same terms) 11l 6th. FLY AWAY SOON 2½l 2nd to Alnaab at Goodwood (7f, firm) on only start last season. Beat Love Talk 12l here (1m 2f, good) on reappearance. PEKING OPERA 2½l 2nd to Sharifabad at Newmarket (1m, good) on penultimate start. Beat Majed 5l at Leicester (1m, good to soft) final outing last season.
Selection: SEA LEVEL

3.10 PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES

C4

(Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £10,690: 1m) (12 runners)

201	(12)	02402-1	JOLI'S PRINCESS 24 (CD,F,G) (P Hart) M Ryan 9-1	W Carson	86
302	(9)	120-	AUSHERRA 206 (C,F) (F Salman) P Cole 8-13	T Quinn	97
303	(5)	128-	CRIMSON CONQUEST 199 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-13	S Cauthen	83
304	(8)	21-	EXCLUSIVE VIRTUE 190 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-13	W R Swinburn	85
305	(11)	214420-	HIMIKO 202 (F) (Y Ito) B Hills 8-13	M Hills	90
306	(6)	21-3	JOIE DE SOIR 24 (J Newton) R Johnson Houghton 8-13	J Reid	86
307	(1)	0124-	LOVE OF THE ARTS 289 (F) (J Sims) M Jarvis 8-13	R Cochrane	80
308	(7)	215312-	MARAATIB 185 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-13	R Hills	92
309	(4)	03-1	POSITIVE ACCLAIM 19 (S) (J Marsden) R Hannon 8-13	L Piggott	77
310	(2)	241-1	SUMONDA 28 (F,S) (D) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-13	G Carter	● 99
311	(10)	416-	VENUS OBSERVED 207 (F) (Mrs C Gross) H Candy 8-13	C Rutter	73
312	(3)		IDOL MIO (M Obaida) C Brittain 8-9	M Roberts	—

BETTING: 11-4 Crimson Conquest, 7-2 Ausherra, 4-1 Exclusive Virtue, 9-2 Sumonda, 6-1 Joli's Princess, 8-1 Positive Acclaim, 10-1 Himiko, 12-1 others.

1990: RAFHA 9-1 S Cauthen (Evens fav) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

JOLI'S PRINCESS beat So Romantic ½l over course and distance (good) reappearance, with JOIE DE SOIR (2lb better off) a short-head 3rd. AUSHERRA made virtually all to beat Aldazzao 2½l here (6f, good to firm) on debut last season and was a neck 2nd to Jaffa Line in the group III Prestige Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good to firm).
CRIMSON CONQUEST beat Harmer 2l at Yarmouth (6f, firm) last season, and was 9½l 6th to Dartrey at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) on final start. EXCLUSIVE VIRTUE beat Persaica 2½l at Leicester (7f, firm). LOVE OF THE ARTS beat Fly To The Moon 1½l at Yarmouth (6f, good to firm, and was 20½l last of 4 to Cloche D'Or in group III Princess Margaret Stakes at Ascot (6f, good to firm) on final start. MARAATIB beat Fay's Song 5l at Bath (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. POSITIVE ACCLAIM beat Lamarsh a head at Brighton (7f, soft) on reappearance. SUMONDA made all to beat Don't Cry 4l at Leicester (1m, heavy) on reappearance. Beat Lupescu a short-head at Leicester (7f, firm) on final start last season and was previously 4½l 4th to Capricciosa in the group I Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket (6f, good), with HIMIKO (same terms) 5¾l 8th. VENUS OBSERVED beat Emilia Romanga ½l at Salisbury (7f, firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: SUMONDA (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	19	51	37.3	S Cauthen	40	205	19.5
A Scott	6	20	30.0	R Cochrane	28	154	18.2
M Stoute	25	97	25.8	W R Swinburn	25	151	16.6
L Cumani	12	49	24.5	A Munro	6	40	15.0
B Hills	13	76	17.1	W Carson	34	247	13.8
J Berry	3	18	16.7	M Roberts	16	117	13.7

3.40 WESTMINSTER-MOTOR (TAXI) INSURANCE CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP (£17,450: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

C4

401	(5)	7300-31	HATEEL 14 (D,F,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 5-10-0	W Carson	92
402	(8)	123215-	HALSTON PRINCE 172 (D,F,G) (W Ponsonby) H Cecil 4-9-13	S Cauthen	91
403	(7)	5400-51	OPERATION WOLF 7 (D,F) (NTC (Racing) Limited) C Brittain 5-9-3 (5ex)	M Roberts	● 99
404	(2)	15140-6	JEHOL 14 (D,F) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 5-9-2	G Carter	98
405	(11)	0210-02	LORD OF TUSMORE 22 (D,BF,F) (W Said) B Hills 4-9-1	M Hills	94
406	(13)	04460-4	LINPAC WEST 31 (D,S) (Linpac Group Ltd) C W Elsey 5-8-12	B Raymond	94
407	(12)	142020-	MINIMIZE 184 (D,F) (R Shannon) L Cumani 4-8-7	L Dettori	93
408	(1)	26210-	SLIPRAIL 202 (D,F) (Major M Wyatt) H Candy 4-8-6	C Rutter	93
409	(15)	02504-1	NO SUBMISSION 22 (CD,G,S) (P Warren) C Nelson 5-8-2	D Holland (5)	96
410	(10)	343405-	KNOCK KNOCK 38J (C,D,F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 6-7-12	S O'Gorman (5)	90
411	(9)	0342-45	JOHNS JOY 10 (BF,F) (R Bastian) D Elsworth 6-7-12	—	94
412	(14)	050-686	EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 13 (F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-7-11	S Maloney (5)	95
413	(6)	10100-0	YOU KNOW THE RULES 31 (C,F,G) (J Harwood) M Channon 4-7-10	J Quinn	92
414	(3)	451562	DOULAB'S IMAGE 14 (B) (Claremont Services) J Glover 4-7-8	F Norton (7)	98
415	(4)	30530-5	EXPRESS ACCOUNT 80 (C,D,F,G) (D Wilson) R Williams 4-7-7	B Doyle (5)	90

Long handicap: Express Account 7-6.

BETTING: 7-2 Hateel, 4-1 Lord Of Tusmore, 6-1 Halston Prince, Operation Wolf, 13-2 No Submission, 10-1 You Know The Rules, Jehol, 12-1 Johns Joy, Minimize, 14-1 others.

1990: STARLET 4-9-8 Dale Gibson (11-4 fav) W Hastings-Bass 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

HATEEL pushed out to beat Rudjig 4l at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to soft), with JEHOL (15lb better off) 18l 6th. HALSTON PRINCE made all to beat Military Fashion ½l on penultimate start at Ascot (1m 2f, good), with KNOCK KNOCK (2lb better off) ¾l 3rd and NO SUBMISSION (3lb worse off) 2½l 4th.
OPERATION WOLF beat Sinclair Boy 5l, unchallenged, at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). LINPAC WEST 4¾l 4th to Amenable in William Hill Lincoln at Doncaster (1m, soft), with EIRE LEATH-SCEAL (2lb better off) 1½l 5th, LORD OF TUSMORE (3lb worse off) 1¾l 7th and YOU KNOW THE RULES 16th. NO SUBMISSION beat LORD OF TUSMORE (5lb better off) 2l over course and distance (good), with HATEEL (2lb better off) neck 3rd, JOHNS JOY (12lb better off) 8l 4th, OPERATION WOLF (7lb better off) 3l 5th and EIRE LEATH-SCEAL (10lb better off) 2l 6th.
Selection: OPERATION WOLF

4.10 LADBROKE CREDIT HANDICAP (£4,987: 7f) (18 runners)

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501	(13)	31066-0	MAJNUN 18 (F,S) (I Page) R O'Sullivan 5-10-0	D Biggs (5)	91
502	(17)	24110-0	GULMARG 31 (F,G) (Lord Vestey) H Candy 4-9-11	C Rutter	91
503	(6)	1532/	PRINCE JAKATOM 528 (S) (S Crown) D Arbuthnot 4-9-8	T Quinn	—
504	(1)	10056-1	RESTORE 10 (B,C,F,G,S) (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 8-9-6	Paul Eddery	94
505	(4)	00000-0	FARM STREET 31 (S) (L Sarner) P Walwyn 4-9-2	S Cauthen	96
506	(15)	304-160	SUPER BENZ 12 (D,F,G,S) (D Bramley) T Fairhurst 5-9-0	J Fanning (5)	96
507	(9)	14060-0	HYMN OF HARLECH 22 (B,C,F,G) (T Bulmore) D Elsworth 8-9-0	J Hunter (7)	90
508	(16)	00600-1	JUST A STEP 21 (D,F,G) (Exors of G Cooke) M McCormack 5-8-10	J Reid	● 99
509	(12)	55112-6	ODILEX 25 (F,S) (Mrs A Brodie) N Gaselee 4-8-9	W R Swinburn	98
510	(18)	12040-0	ANNABELLE ROYALE 32 (D,F,G) (I Farini) Mrs N Macauley 5-8-8	L Dettori	91
511	(11)	00-6013	NORDIC BRAVE 6 (F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-8-8	A Munro	98
512	(3)	143225-	LADY LACEY 175 (D,F) (Mrs K Perrin) G Balding 4-8-7	J Williams	99
513	(2)	104140-	FAYNAZ 176 (D,F) (N Aboobaker) W Muir 5-8-6	S Whitworth	92
514	(5)	0605-11	SLEEPLINE FANTASY 26 (D,F,G,S) (Sleepline Holdings) M Channon 6-8-6	J Quinn	94
515	(8)	0/20/00-	VENT DE MER 210 (Mrs S Crowe) J Akehurst 5-8-1	R Hills	—
516	(7)	200200-	NICQUITA 145 (V,D,F) (White Horse Racing) C C Elsey 4-8-0	Dale Gibson	90
517	(10)	605110-	BROTHER RAY 279 (D,F,G) (A Finney) J Sutcliffe 4-7-13	B Crossley	90
518	(14)	34//662	KORYPHEOS 19 (D,F,S) (C Papaioannou) S Dow 12-7-11	G Carter	93

BETTING: 5-1 Just A Step, 11-2 Zinbaq, 6-1 Sleepline Fantasy, 7-1 Farm Street, 8-1 Gulmarg, Restore, 10-1 Odilex, Nordic Brave, 11-1 Brother Ray, 12-1 Lady Lacey, 14-1 Hymn Of Harlech, 16-1 others.

1990: HARD TO FIGURE 4-9-2 J Williams (8-1) R Hedges 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

RESTORE beat Plain Fact 1l in a claimer at Warwick (5f, good to firm).
FARM STREET led over 3f out until over 2f out when 20l 18th to Amenable in William Hill Lincoln at Doncaster (1m, soft), with GULMARG 24th. Won a handicap at Epsom (1m 110yd, good to soft) off 12lb lower mark in June.
JUST A STEP raised 11lb for easy 7l beating of Crosby at Warwick (7f, good). LADY LACEY 2¾l 3rd to Marjons Boy at Salisbury (1m, good). SLEEPLINE FANTASY hard ridden to beat Krisfield 1½l at Brighton (7f, good to firm). Previously beat same horse neck at Southwell (AW, 7f, standard).
BROTHER RAY beat Abeonal ½l on penultimate start at Salisbury (7f, good to firm), with NICQUITA (10lb better off) 9½l 7th. KORYPHEOS running-on ½l 2nd to Royal Resort at Brighton (7f, good to firm).
Selection: JUST A STEP

4.40 TAXINEWS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,085: 7f) (16 runners)

601	(8)	1-0	WICKED THINGS 18 (BF) (R Richards) D Elsworth 9-7	A Procter (7)	80
602	(1)	3231-	IKTESHAF 285 (C,F) (M Salem) B Hanbury 9-5	B Raymond	84
603	(11)	545165-	LALLAPALOOSA 208 (G) (J Barber) J Dunlop 9-4	A McGlone	86
604	(16)	1400-00	ALTON BAY 80 (D,F) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) A Scott 9-3	J Fortune	93
605	(13)	581-	REED BED 201 (G) (C Hamer) R Hannon 9-2	B Rouse	82
606	(5)	312300-	DIGS 200 (F) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 9-1	J Reid	91
607	(7)	2112-	ACCESS HOLIDAYS 139 (G) (Miss E Williams) R Boss 8-12	M Roberts	91
608	(9)	612044-	DALEY BRIOCHE 144 (D,S) (G Cole) M Tompkins 8-8	R Cochrane	94
609	(12)	26600-3	STAMFORD BRIDGE 5 (F) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-8	A Munro	89
610	(14)	620-2	PAPER DART 22 (Mrs J Wallinger) P Walwyn 8-5	L Dettori	● 99
611	(2)	642041-	HIGHLAND MAGIC 129 (D) (P Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 8-3	J Quinn	98
612	(10)	62256-0	DESIGNER STUBBLE 10 (Mrs J Waters) G Balding 8-3	J Williams	95
613	(6)	000-	NORTHERN FLYER 186 (R Worthington) P Walwyn 8-2	D Holland (5)	85
614	(3)	015300-	NAI HARN 187 (F) (C Hughes) C Wall 8-1	A Cruz	98
615	(15)	455-	JARZON DANCER 258 (B Foulkes) C Wall 7-13	N Carlisle	86
616	(4)	00000-1	SURREY RACING 26 (F) (Heatview Ltd (Surrey Racing)) G Lewis 7-11	W Carson	87

BETTING: 11-2 Wicked Things, 6-1 Access Holidays, 13-2 Surrey Racing, 8-1 Ikteshaf, Lallapaloosa, 9-1 Alton Bay, Digs, 10-1 Paper Dart, 12-1 Major Rogers, 14-1 others.

1990: SOLEIL GRAND 9-1 J Reid (17-2) M McCormack 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

IKTESHAF beat Zloty 1½l in maiden here (6f, good to firm). LALLAPALOOSA beat Digs (11lb better off) 7l at Windsor (6f, good) in August, with NAI HARN (13lb better off) ¾l 3rd.
REED BED beat PAPER DART (11lb better off) 5l in Lingfield maiden (6f, good). DALEY BRIOCHE one-paced 2l 4th to Mystic Crystal at Southwell (AW, 7f, standard). STAMFORD BRIDGE 5l 3rd to El Yasaf at Ayr (5f, soft). PAPER DART head 2nd to Lovealoch here (1m, good). SURREY RACING beat Songlines 2½l at Brighton (6f, good to firm).
Selection: PAPER DART

Blitzkreig to foil Sherwood raid

OLIVER Sherwood launches a strong raid on the principal prizes on the first day of the Punchestown festival today (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Young Snugfit, disappointing behind Blitzkreig and Redundant Pal at Liverpool on his latest start, renews rivalry with that pair in the £15,000 Motor Imports Handicap Chase over two miles.

Blitzkreig, on the score of reliability, is preferred to Redundant Pal but Young Snugfit would pose a real threat if recovering his best form. He finished in front of Blitzkreig on level terms at Cheltenham and failed by a length to give him 7lb in the Victor Chandler Handicap Chase at Ascot. The weight difference now is 3lb but Blitzkreig is still narrowly preferred.

Sherwood also runs Young Pokey in the BMW Champion Novices' Hurdle but here Minorettes Girl is expected to retain her unbeaten record in this country.

PERTH

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
3.00 Polar Region.	3.00 Polar Region.
3.30 Rostherne.	3.30 Smooth Style.
4.00 J-J-Henry.	4.00 J-J-Henry.
4.30 First Crack.	4.30 Times Are Hard.
5.00 Jinxy Jack.	5.00 Lynemore.
5.30 Robert Dear.	5.30 Robert Dear.
6.00 Valiant Dash.	6.00 Valiant Dash.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 POLAR REGION.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

3.00 PARTY HAS STARTED MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I: £2,302: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

1		SWANA SIMBA (Mrs M Nisbet) Mrs M Nisbet 6-11-3	A Larnach (7)	—
2	402	GHIA GNEUIAGH 13 (J de C Scott) C Trietline 5-11-3	R Supple	94
3	50-50F	MASHUM 21 (A Batey) A Batey 5-11-3	Mr M Buckley (7)	78
4	0P40	NORTH PRIDE 22 (J Wills) S Payne 8-11-3	C Hawkins	80
5	64	POLAR REGION 91 (C Marner) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-3	M Dwyer	● 99
6	40	REGAL SMOKE 21 (B Sheath) P Blockley 5-11-3	K Doolan	84
7	6-04	SANSOOL 15 (A Whillans) A Whillans 5-11-3	G Thomson (7)	87
8	0048	SILK DEGREES 22 (G Keary) W Storey 5-11-3	A Carroll	84
9	60P	SPY HILL 46 (D Bramall) B McLean 5-11-3	R Garritty	—
10	4-0445P	TERRYWARNER SPORTS 22 (Terry Warner Sports) P Hobbs 6-11-3	S Earle	82
11	P	AMAZE ME 87 (P Wishart) Mrs S Bradburne 5-10-12	Mr J Bradburne	—
12	00	BURLING MOSS 43 (P Burling) G Richards 5-10-12	N Doughty	—
13	2-PP	LET'S MOVE 35 (W Barker) W Barker 5-10-12	G Harker	76
14	00/	RELKISSIMO 720 (J Yeadon) P Beaumont 7-10-12	P A Farrell	—
15		SPRINGFIELD FLYER (D McCune) D McCune 5-10-12	P Waggott (7)	—
16	00065	GALA'S PRIDE 8 (Mrs L Cullen) J Parkes 4-10-5	W Irvine	83
17	00	LASTING CHARM 34 (Mrs H Fraser) J Haldane 4-10-5	J Corkell (7)	—
18	032	REGAN 8 (D Gibbons) Miss J Barclay 4-10-5	M Hill	86

BETTING: 7-4 Polar Region, 9-4 Ghia Gneuiagh, 5-1 Regan, 8-1 Regal Smoke, 10-1 Sansool, 12-1 Terrywarner Sports, 20-1 others.

1990: GOODSHOT RICH 6-11-3 B de Haan (3-1 jt-fav) C Brooks 15 ran

3.30 PARTY HAS STARTED MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £2,302: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

1		COUP DE CATHERINE (T Dalgetty) T Dalgetty 5-11-3	A Charlton	—
2		CRAFTSMAN (G Paul) K Bailey 5-11-3	I Lawrence	—
3	0	DURLEY SONG 21 (G Turner) Miss S Turner 5-11-3	Mr S Swiers	—
4	41-4325	DICKIE'S GIN 115 (S) (J Wade) J Wade 7-11-3	K Jones	98
5	20-24	EUROPA POINT 103 (BF) (G Johnson) M Robinson 6-11-3	J White	—
6	00F	MAN FROM MARS 18 (M Burley) P Hobbs 5-11-3	B Clifford (7)	97
7	4500	MILITARY SECRET 60 (P Piller) W A Stephenson 5-11-3	C Grant	—
8	004P	PULL THE PIN 21 (B) (F Jordan) F Jordan 5-11-3	J Lodder	68
9	2/2-3FF	ROSTHERNE 24 (BF) (A Sudge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-3	M Dwyer	86
10	0606	SMART PAL 15 (Mrs J Plummer) P Beaumont 6-11-3	P A Farrell	● 99
11	22/3	SMOOTH STYLE 24 (P Grant) C Brooks 7-11-3	P Scudamore	75
12	0P0	THE DARK WATCH 15 (Mrs L Joughin) J J O'Neill 8-11-3	L Wyer	80
13		CELTIC BUNNIE (Mrs J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 6-10-12	—	73
14	0/0	RUNNING-VALLEY 38 (J Needham) J Needham 7-10-12	R Guest	—
15		IT'S THE PITS 186F (Currie Group) L Lungo 4-10-10	F Perratt (7)	—
16	45	SCOTTISH REFORM 22 (BF) (P Johnston) K Oliver 4-10-10	Mr D Mactaggart (7)	89
17	050	WESTERN SECRET 109 (J McKellar) J S Wilson 4-10-10	P Niven	94
18	35300P	DONNA LORENZA 15 (Taybridge Racing Club) Mrs S Bradburne 4-10-5	R Fahey	78

BETTING: 6-4 Rostherne, 3-1 Smooth Style, 7-2 Europa Point, 10-1 Dickie's Gin, 14-1 Scottish Reform, 16-1 Craftsman, 20-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

4.00 TENNENTS CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,728: 3m) (10 runners)

1	11242P	TACTICO 19 (B,C,BF,F,G,S) (I Dalgleish) J J O'Neill 9-11-10	M Dwyer	96
2	022-341	J-J-HENRY 19 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Knowles) P Beaumont 12-11-7	Mrs A Farrell	97
3	2343P2	JIM THORPE 21 (G,F,G,S) (MC Inns Ltd) G Richards 10-11-6	N Doughty	91
4	6622F5	ACE OF SPIES 18 (B,D,F,G,S) (Sporting Circle Racing) Mrs G Jones 10-11-2	M Lynch	95
5	FF/1-645	SALEHURST 4 (F,G,S) (Michael Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) G Balding 11-10-11	J Frost	93
6	121135	RIVER HOUSE 19 (D,BF,F,G) (P Cheesbrough) W A Stephenson 9-10-10	C Grant	● 99
7	0PUP40	HARLEY 17 (C,D,G,S) (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 11-10-9	Gar Lyons	94
8	40-4124	GAY MOORE 12 (D,S) (Mrs C Robinson) M Robinson 10-10-9	J White	97
9	35-F225	KIRSTY'S BOY 19 (CD,G,S) (Mrs K McClelland) J S Wilson 9-10-0	L Wyer	92
10	42-3100	IN THE BREEZE 7 (F) (A Sales) P Blockley 10-10-0	—	88

Long handicap: Kirsty's Boy 9-6, In The Breeze 8-3.

BETTING: 5-2 J-J-Henry, 4-1 Jim Thorpe, 9-2 Gay Moore, 5-1 River House, 8-1 Salehurst, 10-1 Tactico, 12-1 Ace Of Spies, 20-1 Kirsty's Boy, 33-1 Harley, 50-1 In The Breeze.

1990: PYJAMAS 9-10-8 N Doughty (7-2 jt-fav) G Richards 9 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Jimmy Fitzgerald	6	15	40.0	M Dwyer	18	63	28.6
C Weedon	3	10	30.0	D J Burchell	6	21	28.6
P Beaumont	3	11	27.3	A Carroll	6	27	22.2
W A Stephenson	30	119	25.2	J J Quinn	4	18	22.2
D Burchell	6	25	24.0	N Doughty	17	78	21.8
R McDonald	3	13	23.1	R Garritty	5	23	21.7

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.30 WATSON BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,854: 2m) (14 runners)

1	433140	OBELISKI 5F (D,G) (A Atkins) M Tompkins 5-12-0	S Smith Eccles	89
2	600312	FIRST CRACK 12 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (D Pugh) F Jordan 6-11-6	J Lodder	97
3	11-6	BAY TERN 45 (CD,G) (T Dyer) Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-2	R Fahey	81
4	210-UF3	ARCTIC SKYLIGHT 21 (D,F) (E Madden) G Richards 7-11-1	N Doughty	83
5	1-05281	LANDSKI 15 (V,D,F,S) (D Neale) W Storey 8-10-6	K Doolan	● 99
6	0/512-90	TIMES ARE HARD 19F (CD,G) (E Williams) D Burchell 7-10-5	D J Burchell	89
7	2-11040	ANTIGUAN SMILE 45 (D,F,G) (D Lennon) B Wilkinson 6-10-4	R Hodge (7)	98
8	3-26305	CHESWOLD 112 (D,F,S) (J Hodgson) J Johnson 7-10-3	Gar Lyons	96
9	004013	HIGHFIELD PRINCE 7 (D,F,G) (John Watson Windows Ltd) R O'Leary 5-10-0	L Wyer	88
10	402455/	SOMERLED 743 (F,G,S) (R McDonald) R McDonald 12-10-0	K Jones	—
11	P4U4/	ROYAL LASER 1578 (G) (R Bowden) J Johnson 11-10-0	J O'Gorman (3)	—
12	28/132-4	BATTLE STING 82 (F) (Mrs S Ward) Mrs S Ward 7-10-0	R Supple	73
13	243506	TINA'S BRIG 50 (G,S) (K Milligan) C Parker 10-10-0	L O'Hara	82
14	033/32-P	SHERMAGO 22 (Mrs J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 9-10-0	P Niven	88

Long handicap: Royal Laser 9-9, Battle Sting 9-7, Tina's Brig 9-2, Shermago 8-13.

BETTING: 3-1 First Crack, 4-1 Landski, 5-1 Highfield Prince, 6-1 Arctic Skylight, 8-1 Obeliski, 10-1 others.

1990: STUMBLE 6-10-0 C Hawkins (3-1 fav) J Mackie 10 ran

5.00 TOTE CREDIT NOVICES CHASE (£3,106: 2m) (8 runners)

1	F3U100	JINXY JACK 17 (D,G,S) (Mrs B McKinney) G Richards 7-11-10	N Doughty	● 99
2	060UR2	DEEP SPARTACUS 10 (BF) (J Greenall) W A Stephenson 7-11-3	Mr J Greenall	77
3	P6-524	MELICUS 11 (Mrs M Gordon-Watson) C Brooks 6-11-3	P Scudamore	98
4	0146-5F	SONSIE MO 7 (D,F) (T Hardie) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-3	Mr J Bradburne	—
5		LEE VALLEY (G Probert) P Hobbs 8-10-12	C Maude (5)	—
6	4/1-5523	LYNEMORE 11 (D,F,G,S) (Lady Cadogan) T Forster 9-10-12	J Railton	97
7	6544P0	DINSDALE LAD 7 (Armstrong/Greenwell) M Barnes 5-10-10	F Murtagh (7)	78
8	431210	TRANQUIL WATERS 38 (C,BF,G) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) T Fairhurst 6-10-10	R Garritty	—

BETTING: 6-4 Jinxy Jack, 3-1 Lynemore, 7-2 Melicus, 10-1 Deep Spartacus, 12-1 Tranquil Waters, 20-1 others.

1990: TRUSTY FRIEND 8-11-1 N Williamson (5-1) J Edwards 13 ran

5.30 TOTE CREDIT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,582: 2m) (18 runners)

1	120304	DAMANOUR 102 (F) (Dr K Fraser) G Richards 5-11-7	N Doughty	96
2	124360	DAWAAM 31 (D) (W Lockey) B Wilkinson 5-11-7	R Garritty	93
3	040421	MARCH AHEAD 7 (D,F) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 5-11-7	C Grant	87
4	53122	ROBERT DEAR 21 (D,G) (Mrs M Barwell) M Tompkins 5-11-7	S Smith Eccles	● 99
5	2010	SANDYBRAES 38 (D,G) (Mrs S Catherwood) I Ferguson 6-11-7	D Casey	—
6	004F01	SPONSOR LIGHT 22 (S) (J Gledson) J Gledson 7-11-7	Mr J M Dun	70
7	016433	GLEN MORVERN 22 (F) (Lt-Comm W Crawford) W Crawford 5-11-2	M Moloney (5)	89
8	F-	AISKEW FLUTTER 441 (M Gunn) S Payne 6-11-0	C Hawkins	—
9	0-P05	BENGAL WAY 21 (J Taylor) C Tinkler 6-11-0	R Marley	72
10	P	BLITZ-FOUNTAIN 22 (T Gadd) J Johnson 5-11-0	Gar Lyons	—
11	333003	DANCING DAYS 22 (B) (J Parkes) J Parkes 5-11-0	N Smith (5)	80
12		ISLAND GALE (D McCune) D McCune 6-11-0	P Waggott (7)	—
13	64	MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 27F (Tupgill Park Club) M Hammond 5-11-0	P Niven	—
14	0-00	PRINCE OF BARODA 22 (J Needham) J Needham 7-11-0	R Guest	—
15	P4	ROYALIST 21 (T Dawson) Miss J Barclay 5-11-0	M Hill	92
16	5430/P2	SELF IMPORTANT 192 (Mrs J McFadyen-Murray) J Kinane 6-11-0	D Nolan	—
17	0-0	MOD SQUAD 4F (Foster Watson) W Storey 5-10-9	K Doolan	—
18		VENETIAN SKY 2029F (D Thomson) A Thomson 9-10-9	J J Quinn	—

BETTING: 15-8 Robert Dear, 4-1 March Ahead, 6-1 Glen Morvern, 8-1 Damanour, 12-1 Dancing Days, 14-1 others.

1990: TIMES ARE HARD 6-11-0 D J Burchell (6-1) D Burchell 13 ran

6.00 CHARLES CAMPBELL MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE

(Amateurs: £2,448: 3m) (16 runners)

1	53613	CELTIC SPORT 21 (D,S) (E Eveleigh) P Hobbs 6-12-0	Mrs S Hobbs (7)	82
2	112U30	EASTERN OASIS 41 (CD,F,G,S) (J Andrews) J Andrews 8-11-13	Miss S Forster (7)	97
3	F5PP10	THE DEMON BARBER 19 (C,F,G,S) (Greystoke Stables Ltd) G Richards 9-11-9	R Hale (7)	87
4	3415P1	DAWN COYOTE 29 (D,S) (R Anderson) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-7	J Bradburne (5)	95
5	112103	VALIANT DASH 22 (F,G,S) (G Orchard) S Kettlewell 5-10-6	S Lyons (7)	● 99
6	503433	RARE LUCK 24 (BF,F) (Mrs D Hemmerson) P Jones 8-10-2	Mrs P Nash (7)	90
7	010350	FOREIGN KNIGHT 22 (F,S) (R Sansom) P Blockley 7-10-1	Mr K Green (7)	93
8	10600-6	WARGAME 21 (F,G,S) (A Batey) A Batey 11-10-0	M Buckley (7)	96
9	221533	GREEN SILVER 38 (S) (C Ewart) L Lungo 9-10-0	C Ewart (7)	90
10	3-03620	FREE FORM 17 (B) (T Dyer) C Weedon 6-10-0	R Dyer (7)	—
11	6022P6	KANGAROO COURT 45 (A R Rudd) J J O'Neill 5-10-0	P Hide (7)	93
12	0014/4-0	ADAMS IMPRINT 13 (F) (D Lowe) Mrs G Jones 8-10-0	C Farrell (7)	—
13	4F5210	HOME TO ROOST 15 (D,G,S) (F Jestin) F Jestin 11-10-0	Mrs J Thurlow (7)	87
14	644514	CROSSOFSPANCILHILL 13 (F) (Arrow Valley Transport Ltd) C Tinkler 6-10-0	T Jenks (7)	82
15	00/0400	COP FOR THAT 15 (G Eaton) Miss J Eaton 9-10-0	Miss L Eaton (7)	76
16	0045	REDHALL ROYALE 15 (T Robson) T Robson 7-10-0	Mrs A Farrell (3)	—

Long handicap: Green Silver 9-12, Free Form 9-10, Kangaroo Court 9-7, Adams Imprint 9-5, Home To Roost 9-5, Crossofspancilhill 9-3, Cop For That 8-13, Redhall Royale 8-12.

BETTING: 4-1 Eastern Oasis, 9-2 Valiant Dash, 6-1 Celtic Sport, 7-1 Dawn Coyote, 8-1 Rare Luck, 10-1 others.

1990: GORSE HUNTER 7-9-7 Mrs S Hobbs (10-1) P Hobbs 15 ran

CRICKET

West Indies prove world supremacy in own way

From JOHN WOODCOCK
IN BRIDGETOWN

THE question of whether West Indies or Australia should be called the world champions was virtually settled over the weekend. Having been badly beaten on a low, slow pitch in the second Test at Georgetown, Australia are faced by even heavier defeat on a faster, springier one in the fourth Test here.

On neither occasion have Australia done themselves anything like justice, and they are obviously less likely to put that right in what is left of the present match than if Allan Border were fit. Australia's captain intends to battle on until the end of the series, but with a broken left thumb he will do so only with pain and at the risk of more serious injury.

What no one will ever have the chance of seeing, unfortunately, is how the West Indian batsmen would fare against their own attack — against four fast bowlers, that is, with guns blazing. They never have to do it, and they are known to be thankful that that is so. It is one thing to see off two fast bowlers, even if they are Holding and Roberts or Ambrose and Walsh; but when there are two more straining at the leash, and only 12 overs are being bowled in an hour, and the pitch has a bit of bounce in it, and the umpires are prepared to ignore the law as it relates to short-pitched bowling, I am blessed if I know what the answer is.

The difference on Saturday and Sunday between the sort of pressure applied by Ambrose, Patterson, Marshall and Walsh on the one side and McDermott, Hughes, Reid and the Waughs on the other has turned this into a disappointingly one-sided contest. Reid, on whom the Australians pinned such hopes for the tour, seems to have lost everything for the moment, his confidence most crucially. He looks as stiff as a board, so that the rhythm which gives him, at his best, such a flowing release has deserted him.

If Greenidge had not resolved to bat all day on Sunday, as a way of clinching his own place to England this summer, of emphasising his fitness and teaching Hughes a lesson for behaving so boorishly, West Indies could have made a lot more runs than they did. In 256 balls, Greenidge scored only 124 runs; yet his undefeated 209 has included 30 fours. He has played a brooding, calculated, occasionally violent innings.

That there is bad blood between the sides is evident enough. Sad as that is, it is not altogether surprising, with the game being played as obstreperously as it is now and umpires throughout the world doing so little to keep this side of it in check.

The Australians resent the West Indian over-rate (they call it a "professional foul"); they find themselves unable to score as many hits on the West Indian batsmen as the West Indian bowlers do on theirs (though this is not for want of trying); they were upset by the inadequate covering arrangements which denied them a chance of victory in two of the first three Tests; and they have thought here in Barbados that the combination of two Barbadian umpires has given Greenidge, a Barbadian, an unspoken immunity when it comes to being given out leg-before.

The Australians are also suffering from too much cricket — the best part of seven months without a proper break. The West Indians, for their part, have their pride and good name to defend. Although they do not always have right on their side, they are still the world's best cricketers, and they intend to prove it their way.

WEST INDIES: First innings 149 (C J McDermott 4 for 49, M G Hughes 4 for 44).

Second innings

C G Greenidge not out	209
D L Haynes c Healy b M Waugh	40
M D Marshall c Healy b McDermott	15
R B Richardson lbw b M E Waugh	99
C L Hooper not out	25
Extras (lb 11, nb 8)	19
Total (3 wkts)	407

*I V A Richards, A L Logie, †P J L Dujon, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh and B P Patterson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-129, 2-153, 3-352.

BOWLING: McDermott 29-7-102-1; Hughes 24-4-78-0; M E Waugh 21-6-44-2; Reid 27-4-90-0; S R Waugh 28-6-77-0; Jones 3-1-5-0.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 134 (C A Walsh 4 for 14).

Umpires: L Barker and D Archer.

GOLF

Nicklaus in senior success

Victory salute: Jack Nicklaus acknowledges the applause at the 18th green that greeted his win, by six strokes, in the PGA seniors championship at Palm Beach

BASKETBALL

Donaldson climbs the ladder swiftly

By NICHOLAS HARLING

THE elevation from club captain to assistant national coach has been made with almost indecent haste by Dip Donaldson, the 6ft 6in Leicester forward. The successor to Dan Lloyd as the England assistant to Dave Ransom, Donaldson, aged 31, has taken over in time for the Carlsberg international tournament this weekend.

He will do so with only a two-year spell as assistant coach to the senior team at North West Nazarene College in Idaho behind him. "I don't see this as too much of a jump, just part of a progressive transition," Donaldson said. "It was one of my long-term goals to end up coaching." He gets his chance — after collecting the last of his 19 England caps on the tour to New Zealand last summer — because of Lloyd's commitment to Hemel Hempstead Royals.

"I was pleasantly surprised to get the job," Donaldson said, "but I will miss playing." He was soon to discover the possible pitfalls of coaching with the withdrawal of Clyde Vaughan, the Sunderland forward, and Martin Clark and Martin Henlan, the Kingston pair. Consequently, Steve Panovka is in the international reckoning for the first time. The 6ft 7in forward with Thames Valley Tigers has been added to the squad, along with Leo Rogers, of Worthing.

Curiously, Panovka's inclusion comes at a time when he is not exactly cherished by his club. He spent the whole of the recent Carlsberg championship semi-final defeat by Sunderland Saints on the bench, although his club-mates, Dale Roberts and Tony Balogun, were failing conspicuously in their battle for rebounds and points.

The bonus for Rogers — who returns to the squad after collecting the last of his ten caps two years ago — is that the last two nights of the tournament will be staged on his own club court, at Worthing, where England face Turkey on Saturday and Norway on Sunday. Their first opponents will be Denmark, at Tolworth on Friday.

Expectations are high for county prospects

While attention will be focused on international affairs this summer, many young, uncapped players will be confining their ambitions to establishing a county place. Only a few will succeed. Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, looks at five who may go on to gain wider recognition

Adrian Aymes

MUCH the oldest of the quintet, at 26, Aymes had a long wait for his chance as Hampshire wicketkeeper and it finally came only through an injury to the long-serving Bobby Parks. He played in the final five first-class games last year, impressing both with his tidy keeping and the capable batting which brought him three half-centuries. Surrey think enough of him to have made a formal approach for his transfer; Hampshire think enough of him to have refused. Aymes has started the new season in the side on merit, having spent some of the winter helping to build a house for his team-mate, Robin Smith. Born in Southampton, he could make a similar impact to another home-bred Hampshireman, Jon Ayling.

John Crawley

FROM a family of cricketers, John, aged 19, is considered even more talented than his brother, Mark, who headed the Oxford University averages last year and has subsequently left Lancashire in search of a regular county place with Nottinghamshire. For all his gifted strokeplay, John will also find it difficult to secure his spot at Old Trafford — such is the competition for top-order places — but he has the platform from which to impress in the first half of the summer as a freshman in the Cambridge University side. He has already made 83 against his own county. Crawley has made two tours with England Young Cricketers, to Australia and New Zealand, and need only maintain his progress to be certain of higher honours. Lancashire's problem is how to accommodate him or keep him profitably waiting: it is a pleasant problem to have.

Robert Croft

TALK of Croft winning wild-card selection for Australia last winter was premature, reflecting the dearth of quality off spin in modern cricket rather than his own achievements to date. He is, however, a genuinely exciting prospect, confident beyond his years and encouraged to be so when Viv Richards singled him out at Glamorgan for personal attention last year. In a season when bowling averages around the country suffered on bland pitches, Croft's wickets were taken far from cheaply yet his promise was evident. It is greatly to his advantage that, unlike many modern spinners, he can also bat well enough to have averaged 44 in 1990, including a mature 91 not out in a run-chase against Worcestershire. Born in Swansea, he will be 21 next month.

Mark Ilott

THE product of a games-playing father and a go-ahead Hertfordshire club, Watford Town, Ilott has played only 16 first-class games for Essex but is expected to play regularly this year. Such is the passion for a left-arm bowler following the success of Bruce Reid against England, Ilott is already attracting some dangerously lofty expectations. John Lever is as good a judge as any when it comes to left-armers and he gives his Essex successor a glowing reference, both for ability and attitude. He still has to develop his inswinger, but at 20 he has time on his side and will have learned much from his winter experiences as a net bowler with England in Australia and a late recruit to the England A party in Sri Lanka.

Croft: confident character

John North

THESE are exciting times at Sussex, paradoxically, since their one capture last year was the championship wooden spoon. From a parade of young players vying for places, North is an admitted long-shot, even to play much senior cricket this year, but he impressed me enormously when injuries handed him a chance at the end of last season. Locally born, and educated at Slindon College, North is a correct middle-order batsman and, in the guise likely to earn him his place, a medium-pace seam bowler with a pleasing action. He played for England Schools at under-15 and under-17 level and, last year, played for Young England against Pakistan before spending the winter in Auckland. Aged 20, he is level-headed and sure to progress further.

Scots put holders to the test

By MARCUS WILLIAMS

LAST season, Lancashire completed a unique double by winning the two one-day finals at Lord's, the Benson and Hedges Cup and NatWest Trophy. Today, they begin the defence of the former title in somewhat different surroundings, when they take on Scotland at Forfar.

They may know their meat and onions in this Tayside town, which is noted for its pies known as bridies, but cricket probably comes a little lower in local esteem. The Scottish team, however, have caused a flutter or two in this competition in the past, defeating Northamptonshire last year and Lancashire, themselves, by three runs at Perth in 1986.

Fairbrother will continue to captain Lancashire in the absence of Hughes, who has an injured leg and is unsure when he will be fit again. Lloyd cut a hand in the defeat by Nottinghamshire on Sunday, so Jesty, Speak and Martin have been added to the party for the county's 600-mile round trip.

In the other group C match, at Canterbury, Kent have included in their 13 against Leicestershire, Martin McCague, aged 21, a fast bowler who has played for Western Australia. McCague was born in Northern Ireland and is thus not classed as an overseas player, an important consideration for counties as they are now restricted to one player not qualified for England.

In the toughest group, C, Surrey meet Essex at the Oval and Somerset entertain Middlesex in a repeat of last season's quarter-final, which the West Countrymen won by 22 runs.

In group D, Nottinghamshire recall Pick, who is moving into England contention, for the match against Hampshire at Southampton and he is expected to replace Crawley or Saxelby, while Randall remains as Broad's opening partner. Warner is likely to return for Derbyshire in their group A game against Northamptonshire after treatment for a groin injury.

GROUP A: Combined Universities, Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Northamptonshire, Worcestershire.
GROUP B: Surrey, Middlesex, Essex, Somerset, Warwickshire.
GROUP C: Scotland, Leicestershire, Kent, Lancashire, Sussex.
GROUP D: Minor Counties, Hampshire, Nottinghamshire, Glamorgan, Yorkshire.

☐ Bridgetown — A South African tour of the Caribbean, once an unthinkable prospect, would now be welcomed locally, Steve Camacho, the executive secretary of the West Indies Board of Control, said here yesterday. Camacho, who emphasised he was speaking in a personal capacity, added: "There seems to be no obstacle to the West Indies returning the compliment and undertaking their first official tour of the republic once apartheid has been finally dismantled."

TENNIS

Borg tries to keep time and technological tide at bay

Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent, on the part an English village's one and only factory is playing in Bjorn Borg's comeback

Monte Carlo

BJORN Borg's comeback might raise a brief mention at the bar of the John Barleycorn in Coton, but interest would doubtless pass as quickly as the traffic on the M11 to Cambridge a mile to the east. Needs the money, I suppose. Shame, really, he was a good player once. How many times did he win Wimbledon?

The fact that Borg will return to the courts of the Monte Carlo Country Club today, wielding the product of the village's one and only factory, will presumably go unnoticed. Even if it does not, the locals will put it down to a vivid imagination or too much ale. Grays of Cambridge (it had a better ring to it than Grays of Coton) stopped making tennis rackets five years ago, did they not?

So they did. But when a five-time Wimbledon and six-time French champion comes knocking on the door wanting wooden rackets made, it is not that easy to turn him away. "We had the machines," Bill Gray, the great-great-grandson of the founder of Grays and one of the four family members in the business, says. "They just needed a little modification. Besides, we are always looking for work."

That Borg should be attempting to play after eight years out of the game is remarkable; that he should be trying to push back the tide of technology with a piece of wood is akin to entering Noah's Ark for the America's Cup; and that his piece of wood should be made by a company better known, through their subsidiary, Gray-Nicolls, as cricket bat makers and purveyors of real tennis and squash rackets, takes the story into the realms of fantasy. Some might say lunacy.

For most of his career, Borg used a wooden *Donnay* racket. It was heavy, strung absurdly tight and deemed unplayable by most of the other professionals. But Borg managed it skilfully and his racket-stringers for ever shook their heads when the rackets returned from duty because there, in the dead centre of the strings, was a worn patch the size of a tennis ball, the ultimate proof of the Swede's phenomenal eye.

Borg carried up to 200 rackets with him at any one time on the circuit and he had stockpiled enough frames to last him through many months of practice when the urge to compete, or the demands of the bank manager, took hold of him last winter. But what would happen when they ran out?

Donnay had long since sold its machines to China, set its robots loose on the production of the multi-coloured Pro One model used by Andre Agassi, Borg's successor in the image of the modern tennis player. Slazengers was approached, shook its head but suggested Grays of Cambridge.

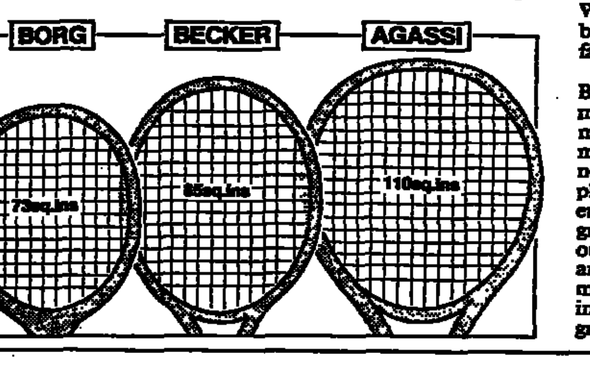
"I got a call from one of Borg's people last November," Gray recalls. "We said in principle we could manage to make some rackets. We had all the timber, already seasoned. We just had to look at the economics of it." When those proved favourable, the production manager resorted to his former profession as an engineer and produced the necessary jigs to make a wooden racket. On March 25, the first batch was ready for Borg's consumption.

"We had been given one of Borg's old rackets, had torn it apart and remade it to exactly the same specifications. Borg rejected the first two and has accepted the rest." It takes the five employees in the Coton factory two weeks to make a batch of 20. Borg has taken 60 with him to Monte Carlo.

In a strange way, there is something appropriate about the union of Borg and Grays. A great champion, desperately searching for a new meaning to life in an old profession, and a traditional country practice, bravely clinging to an old craft in a world full of graphite and composites and monster-headed rackets.

Borg and Grays have endured their ups and downs in recent years and both would take special pleasure in kicking the juggernaut of progress which has made modern rackets so powerful that, in the words of one manufacturer, "it's as if the West Indies suddenly found a bowler who could bowl 30mph faster than the rest".

There is no contract between Borg and Grays, just a gentleman's agreement that the five men of Coton will continue to make rackets as long as Borg needs them. The rackets will be plain black. No logos. No endorsements. No composite or graphite, either. "We're out of our depth with that sort of stuff, anyway," Gray says. Borg, too, might come to know that feeling. Shame about Borg. He was a great player once.



ATHLETICS

Best time improved by Hunter

By DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

JILL Hunter, who won the Commonwealth Games 10,000 metres silver medal for England, has returned to Britain after an outstanding series of victories in the United States, culminating in a world best for ten miles at the weekend. Her five wins in six road races have left her £15,000 richer, but she has no plans to give up her job as an office clerk.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation has been considering the establishment of road world records, and was meeting on the subject yesterday, but in the meantime, world-best performances are kept by the Association of International Marathons and Road Races (AIMS). Hunter's 51min 41sec in New York at the weekend improved, by six seconds, the ten miles world best set by Cathy O' Brien, of the United States, in 1989.

Hunter had a poor summer after following Liz McColgan home in the Commonwealth 10,000 metres in January last year. A three-week rest at the start of winter before resuming training, and making herself unavilable for the world cross-country championships, have left her fresh, with the result that she has dominated the American road racing circuit.

HOCKEY

Fitness edges Sutton into Europe again

By ALIX RAMSAY

IT HAS been a long time coming, but Sutton Coldfield are at last beginning to look like champions. After earlier disappointment in the national women's league, they have bounced back to their second national clubs' championship title in two years.

That win has ensured their place in next year's European Cup Winners' Cup and galvanised them for this season's Cup Winners' Cup final inThe Hague in May. "We are delighted to have done it twice," Lisa Bayliss, the Sutton captain, said. "It means we are finally peaking at the right time. Everything is coming together."

Beating Leicester 4-3 on penalty strokes on Sunday was a nerve-racking end to a long weekend. Starting slowly with a 0-0 draw against Hightown, they picked up momentum to win their remaining fixture. "Fitness told at the end of the day and we came through," Bayliss said.

For Barbara Hambley and Kay Eames, in her last season as coach, victory was particularly sweet. Hambley, who has only just returned to the first team after having a baby, put away the winning penalty stroke.

LEAGUE RESULTS

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Milnrow 201-2. Ashton 155-5, Unsworth 156. Stockport 203-5. Werneth 170-7. Radcliffe 166-8 Walsden 180-4. Crompton 127-6. Rochdale 244-9. Middleton 139-9 Heywood 143. Littleborough 219-8. Royton 190-7. Norden 141. Hyde 81-9. Oldham 82-3.

SADDLEWORTH LEAGUE: Delph 71-1. Saddleworth 70 Droylsden 141-7. Uppermill 140-5. Greenfield 131-6, Shaw 89. Heyside 185-9 Flowery Field 130-7: Hollinwood 98. Austerlands 99-2. Micklehurst 224-8. Friarmere 220-5 Moorside 118. Stayley 85

BRADFORD LEAGUE: First division: Bankfoot 197-7. Hanging Heaton 200-3. Yeadon 148-8 Bradford and Bingley 149-8. Keighley 163-6. Drighlington 79-4; East Bierley 233-6. Spen Victoria 44-1; Manningham Mills 158. Idle 159-0. Yorkshire Bank 228-6. Pudsey St Lawrence 232-5. Baildon 201-6. Undercliffe 140-4

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Burnley 163-9. Accrington 147-8. East Lancs 172-7. Lowerhouse 138-8. Bacup 134-9. Church 133. Haslingden 235-6. Colne 157. Enfield 154-8. Todmorden 152-4. Rishton 139-8. Ramsbottom 141-7. Rawtenstall 235-3. Nelson 154-9

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Blackpool 195-2. St Annes 138-5 Preston 100. Chorley 102-2 Leyland 149-7. Kendal 64. Netherfield 106-8. Lancaster 107-3. Fleetwood 197-6, Morecambe 198-5

Career-best figures set up Essex triumph

FENNER'S (final day of three): Essex beat Cambridge University by 350 runs

MIKE Garnham's first century for Essex and career-best bowling by John Stephenson earned the county an emphatic victory over Cambridge University yesterday.

Garnham batted 137 minutes. Stephenson took four wickets in 16 balls and finished with four for 30.

ESSEX: First innings 311 for 2 dec (G A Gooch 101 retired hurt, N Shahid 83, P J Prichard 55 not out)

Second innings

J P Stephenson c Jenkins b Bush	84
D R Pringle b Arscott	52
†M A Garnham not out	102
Salim Malik c Johnson b Pearson	32
N A Foster c sub b Pearson	2
P J Prichard not out	18
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 6)	8
Total (4 wkts dec)	298

*G A Gooch, N Shahid, T D Topley, M C Ilott and P M Such to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-118, 2-168, 3-231, 4-239.

BOWLING: Jenkins 14-1-53-0; Bush 13-1-68-1, Pearson 23-5-88-2; Johnson 12-2-69-0; Arscott 4-0-21-1.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First innings 105 (N A Foster 4 for 29).

Second innings

G E Thwaites c Garnham b Pringle	6
†R I Clitheroe c Pringle b Ilott	4
*J P Crawley c Pringle b Stephenson	54
M J Lowrey c Shahid b Such	9
R J Lyons c Salim Malik b Stephenson	18
M J Morris c Salim Malik b Foster	15
J P Arscott lbw b Stephenson	0
R H J Jenkins lbw b Stephenson	0
R M Pearson c Pringle b Foster	15
S W Johnson not out	18
D J Bush b Ilott	3
Extras (b 4, lb 5, nb 3)	12
Total	154

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-25, 3-44, 4-88, 5-95, 6-89, 7-89, 8-119, 9-134.

BOWLING: Ilott 9-4-3-30-2; Pringle 9-7-4-1; Such 10-3-21-1, Topley 7-2-28-0, Foster 9-2-32-2, Stephenson 9-2-30-4.

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday April 27
unless stated

SECOND DIVISION

2 Blackburn v West Ham
1 Bristol C v Millwall
2 Charlton v Newcastle
2 Hull v Brighton
1 Ipswich v Oldham
1 Middlesbro v Wolves
1 Notts Co v Plymouth
2 Oxford v Bristol R
X Portsmouth v Watford
1 Sheff Wed v Barnsley
1 Swindon v Leicester
1 West Brom v Port Vale

THIRD DIVISION

1 Birmingham v Crewe
X Bourn'm'th v Hudd'field
1 Brentford v Reading
1 Bury v Fulham
2 Chester v Preston
X Exeter v Southend
2 Leyton O v Grimsby
1 Mansfield v Tranmere
2 Rotherham v Bolton
X Stoke v Bradford C
1 Swansea v Shrewsbury
1 Wigan v Cambridge

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Aldershot v Gillingham
X Blackpool v Stockport
2 Carlisle v Scarboro
1 Doncaster v Cardiff
1 Hereford v Halifax
2 Maidstone v Burnley
X North'pton v Darlington
2 Peterboro v Hartlepool
1 Rochdale v Lincoln
X Scunthorpe v Chest'field
2 Wrexham v Torquay

Not on coupons: York v Walsall

VAUXHALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Aylesbury v Carshalton
X Barking v Windsor
1 Enfield v Bognor
1 Harrow v St Albans
1 Hendon v Basingstoke

SCOTTISH PREMIER

X Dunf'mline v Motherwell
X Hearts v Celtic
1 St Johnstone v Hibs
2 St Mirren v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Airdrie v Forfar
1 Ayr v Meadowbank
2 Brechin v Partick
1 Clyde v Kilmarnock
2 Clydebank v Hamilton
1 Dundee v Raith
X Morton v Falkirk

SCOTTISH SECOND

1 Albion v Berwick
X East Fife v Alloa
2 E Stirling v Dumbarton
1 Q of South v Arbroath
2 Queen's Pk v Montrose
1 Stenh'muir v Stranraer
X Stirling v Cowdenb'th

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Portsmouth, Bournemouth, Exeter, Stoke, Blackpool, Northampton, Scunthorpe, Barking, Hearts, Morton, East Fife, Stirling.

BEST DRAWS: Portsmouth, Exeter, Scunthorpe, Hearts, Stirling.

AWAYS: West Ham, Newcastle, Bolton, Scarborough, Torquay.

HOMES: Notts County, Sheffield Wednesday, Swindon, Birmingham, Brentford, Swansea, Aldershot, Hereford, Enfield, Harrow, Ayr, Stenhousemuir.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Sheffield Wednesday, Swindon, Enfield, Harrow, Stenhousemuir. Aways: Scarborough, Torquay, Aberdeen. Draws: Exeter, Scunthorpe, Stirling.

● Vince Wright

Enormous shadow over the marathon

By HENRY KELLY

SPORT ON TELEVISION
THE WEEK IN REVIEW

THE London Marathon has it all. How can television workers and the viewing public miss it?

Surges of no-hopers running for charity or a bit of personal fulfilment; great world athletes fighting for record times, decent prize-money and, this year, the World Cup; perspiring men in wheelchairs pushing themselves to limits able-limbed folk would never attempt; London looking as only it can on a clear, crisp, sunny morning in April with its familiar sights literally sparkling in the light; laughing policemen; cheering crowds; tired babies in arms; and the looks of relief, which shall remain for a long time in the memory, as the stragglers eventually made it across the finish line after perhaps the most emotional and successful London event in its eleven-year history. All of this was captured perfectly on Sunday by the BBC, starting its coverage just before 9am and giving us a last glimpse later that evening in a recorded highlights programme.

You should, in fairness, realise how delicate and tricky such an operation as televising the marathon is.

The people behind the scenes will shrug and say it is their job. David Coleman would be furious with me if I said he did it brilliantly because he does it like falling off a log. To us it is brilliant. To them as knows it is what life is about. Yet the technical difficulties are enormous and they did cause the viewer to get wobbling pictures from time to time.

It happens because, in layman's terms, you have to take a picture of the runners, send it either to a van, a helicopter or perhaps a horn in the sky, and then send it back again so that it can be received by a television set. All this takes merely a zillionth of a second. It is enough on occasion to cause the type of interference you will have seen on Sunday morning. I suspect, however, that a lot of viewers will have assumed that their telly was starting to get old.

Over the whole marathon there was one enormous and sad shadow: no Ron Pickering. How Coleman was able to read one of the banners saying "The London Marathon: Dedicated to Ron Pickering 30,000 Times: We All Miss You" without a catch in his voice I will never know. It was a nice touch that the great man's wife, Jean, started the various races.

Pickering, by common consent of experts and followers alike, is irreplaceable, but in Brendan Foster, who knows the sport and the business of athletics backwards, and in the evergreen Coleman, the Beeb is well served and can look forward to continuing to be ahead of its rivals in this, as in many other sports.

I was puzzled as to why the BBC did not show the brief closing ceremony at the end of the Benson and Hedges golf tournament from the spectacular St Mellion club in Cornwall on Sunday afternoon. Four days of coverage seemed to me to have been cut off rather peremptorily the minute Bernard Langer won the event by holing for a birdie on the 18th green. The coverage had been, as usual, excellent; though, again in fairness, you have to say that if you could not make good television out of the rugged beauty and sheer magnificence of St Mellion, you should not be in the business.

I understand that, in agreement with the sponsors, the tournament organisers changed the running order of the closing ceremony so that instead of speech-giving, followed by prize presentation, it went the other way round. Thus the procedure of giving Langer the trophy would have taken no more than a minute or so.

I hope the decision to leave the golf and go to the snooker had nothing to do with the sponsors being a tobacco company. The event was shown by the Beeb. If it cuts it off at the end, fearing too much publicity for a cigarette firm, why show any of it in the first place?

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FOOTBALL

Roxburgh forced to ignore his favourite partnership

By RODDY FORSYTH

WHEN the draw for the European championship qualifying groups was made, it appeared that Scotland's two encounters with San Marino — in Rimini next week and at Hampden Park in November — would offer the opportunity to contruct a favourable entry in the goal difference column. For anyone in charge of a Scottish international team, reality has a habit of contrasting sharply with such theories.

Thus, when Andy Roxburgh announced the names of the 22 who will travel to Italy on Monday, he was obliged to omit his most favoured attacking partnership of Johnston and McCoist, of Rangers, the only forwards at his disposal, who have succeeded in scoring more than a brace of goals for their country.

McCoist has been suffering from a groin injury that has prevented him from training for the past three weeks while Johnston, whose form dipped markedly soon after the New Year, has not been included in Rangers's last two games. The reason given for his absence is a viral infection.

It was notable that when Roxburgh dealt with the omission of the Ibrox pair from his plans yesterday, he circumvented mention of Johnston, other than to say that he and McCoist would not be playing in *Rangers' premier division* meeting with Dundee United at Ibrox Park on Wednesday night and therefore could not be risked in Italy.

Having dealt with those who will not travel, the national coach then turned his attention to those who will be on the plane. "Only Andy Goram will have played in all of our six matches this season. *I feel as if we should give him* a book for full attendance," he said.

"Of our attackers, John Robertson is now the highest goalscorer, with two goals. Gordon Durie has also scored. The others haven't. Paul McStay is now the highest goalscorer in the squad with six goals.

"Looking at this game, you can call it a number of ways. If it was at Hampden, you would expect a few of them to add to their tallies, but this type of match will find us up against a packed defence who will play in a very negative way and there is not a lot of space for strikers to exploit."

Johnston: out of squad

Having thus identified a context which is rarely conducive to Scottish optimism, Roxburgh was then invited to compare the potential for hazard of San Marino with the Faeroe islands, who began their European championship campaign by defeating Austria.

"I wish you hadn't brought that up," Roxburgh said. "What will happen is that they will have very limited expectations, but that's what makes them dangerous. They are new to the international scene and you can tell that with every game, they are learning more and more about how to frustrate and make life difficult for opponents.

"Inevitably, at some point they will cause someone some damage. Now we don't want it to be us and that is why I want to make sure that we take our hard professional players with us. It's not a time for experimentation unless we're forced into that."

When pressed for his own hope for next week's contest, Roxburgh was content to observe that he would be glad to proceed into the close season with eight points from the ten available to Scotland when the season began. Since the Scots have presently earned six points, one may conclude that even a scraped 1-0 victory would not afford Roxburgh too many sleepless nights this summer.

☐ The Dundee United captain, Maurice Malpas, has been named as the Scottish Football Writers' Association Player of the Year. Malpas, aged 28, who has won 41 caps for Scotland, beat off stiff competition from the Motherwell winger, *Davie Cooper*, to pick up the prestigious award.

SQUAD: A Goram (Hibernian); C Money (St Mirren), A Maxwell (Motherwell), S Nicol (Liverpool), M Malpas (Dundee Utd), R Gough (Rangers) S McKimmie (Aberdeen), A McLeish (Aberdeen), D McPherson (Hearts), G Gillespie (Liverpool), P McStay (Celtic), J McInally (Dundee United), S McCall (Everton), G McAllister (Leeds United), J Collins (Celtic), M MacLeod (Hibernian), G Strachan (Leeds United), B McClair (Manchester United) K Gallacher (Coventry City), J Robertson (Heart of Midlothian), G Durie (Chelsea), P Nevin (Everton).

Regulars return to Irish fold

BILLY Bingham has available most of his key players for the May 1 European championship match against the Faroe Islands at Windsor Park (George Ace writes). He has added Paul Williams, a recent signing for £250,000 by West Bromwich *Albion from Stockport County* for the first time to his 18-strong panel from which Anton Rogan is the only notable absentee.

The fact that Alan McDonald, Danny Wilson, Nigel Worthington and Colin O'Neill — none of whom were available for the match in Belgrade against Yugoslavia last month owing to injury — gives Bingham a problem, which, he says, he thrives on: "Who to leave out."

Although qualification for the European Championship finals is out of Bingham's grasp, he hopes that a final flourish may persuade the Irish Football Association to extend his contract, which expires next June.

NORTHERN IRELAND (v Faroe Islands, May 1): P Kee (Oxford United), T Wright (Newcastle United), C Hill (Sheffield United), M Donaghy (Manchester United), A McClelland (Queen's Park Rangers), G Taggart (Barnsley), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), D Wilson (Sheffield Wednesday), J Magilton (Oxford United), K Wilson (Chelsea), K Black (Luton Town), I Dowie (West Ham United), S Morrow (Arsenal), R Dennison (Wolverhampton Wanderers), C Clarke (Portsmouth), C O'Neill (Motherwell), G Fleming (Barnsley), P Williams (West Bromwich Albion).

☐ Jeremy Goss has become the latest recruit to Terry Yorath's Welsh team. The Cypriot-born Norwich midfield player, aged 25, has been called up for the May 1 international with Iceland at Ninian Park, which is being used as a warm-up for the crucial June 5 European Championship match with Germany in Cardiff.

SQUAD: N Southall (Everton); A Norman (Sunderland), D Phillips (Norwich City), P Bodin (Crystal Palace), K Ratcliffe (Everton), E Young (Crystal Palace), A Melville (Oxford United), P Nicholas (Watford), M Aizlewood (Bristol City), G Speed (Leeds United), J Goss (Norwich City), M Pembridge (Luton Town), M Hughes (Manchester United), I Rush (Liverpool), D Saunders (Derby County), B Horne (Southampton).

☐ COPENHAGEN — Jan Molby, the Liverpool defender, and the Luton forward, Lars Elstrup have been dropped from Denmark's European championship qualifier in Yugoslavia on May 1.

Barcelona banking on perfect solution

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

by PETER ROBINSON

FOR the fanatical supporters of Barcelona, the perfect season would see the pride of Catalonia winning the European Cup, sitting on top of the Spanish league and gloating at the decline and fall of Real Madrid. This may not be the perfect season for those who throng to the Nou Camp stadium but it is getting mighty close.

The European Cup is out of reach but Barcelona already have one hand on the championship trophy and the gladdening sight of Real languishing in mid-table, powerless to stop them. Two out of three ain't bad and, tomorrow night, they will attempt to add substantial compensation for the missing link — a place in the European Cup Winners' Cup final.

A visit to Juventus is always intimidating but Barcelona's 3-1 win at home in the first leg of their semi-final has eased much of the pressure. Juventus will have to win by two or more goals, and probably stop the Spaniards scoring themselves, if they are to spring a surprise. Hopes are not high in Turin.

In Barcelona, however, they are soaring. On Sunday, Johan Cruyff's side, an intoxicating blend of brinkmanship and brilliance, moved seven points clear of Atlético Madrid after a straightforward 3-0 victory over Seville. Atlético lost 1-0 at home to Real Mallorca.

In Italy, Europe is almost taking a back seat to next weekend's meeting of Sampdoria and Internazionale, first and second *in Serie A, which* could decide the championship. Sampdoria are three points in front after winning 3-2 at Bari on Sunday while Inter were held 0-0 by Fiorentina.

☐ The Vauxhall League will become the Diadora League next season after a £400,000 three-year sponsorship deal was signed with the Italian sports shoe and clothing makers yesterday.

RUGBY UNION

Morrison's swift advance leads to World Cup place

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE appointment of Fred Howard and Ed Morrison as England's referees for the World Cup completes the home unions' list of officials for the tournament. The major exercise *which remains for the panel of* assessors is how best to use the talents at their disposal and that will be determined at a meeting in Dublin in mid-May.

Howard, from Liverpool, was widely expected to be one of England's nominees after eight years on the international panel, including the inaugural World Cup when he handled the third-place play-off game between Wales and Australia. However Morrison, from Gloucestershire, has advanced swiftly; this is his second season on the panel and he handled his first five nations' championship match only in January, that between France and Scotland in Paris.

Morrison, aged 39 and a cost-control engineer at British Aerospace in Bristol, was preferred ahead of the more experienced Colin High (Manchester) who, with Tony Spreadbury (Somerset) is a nominated reserve. High's disappointment will be all the greater if a strained Achilles tendon prevents him refereeing the Pilkington Cup final on May 4.

Both the World Cup nominees have been given summer responsibilities: Howard will handle the game in Brisbane on July 21 between Australia and Wales, *while Morrison* takes charge of Romania's meeting with France in Bucharest on June 22. Spreadbury visits Canada next month to referee their internationals against Scotland and the United States.

The list of British and Irish appointments reads: England: Fred Howard and Ed Morrison; Scotland: Brian Anderson and Jim Fleming; Ireland: Stephen Hilditch and Owen Doyle; Wales: Derek Bevan and Les Peard. In addition I understand that France have proposed Patrick Robin and Alain Ceccon, Australia, Kerry Fitzgerald and Sandy McNeill, and New Zealand, David Bishop and Keith Lawrence, though the competing countries have until the end of May to confirm their officials

The regulations allow for an additional nine referees from each of the other competing countries, plus two more. One of those places could go to Clive Norling, the Welshman, regarded by many as one of the top three referees in the world.

RFU to give ruling

WEST Hartlepool, champions of the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship, will miss their final league game on Saturday and lose £1,000 in *receipts and sponsorship unless* Askeans, their scheduled opponents, are given permission by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) to go ahead with the game (David Hands writes).

Askeans received a two-week suspension from the Kent disciplinary committee after the dismissal of their sixth player this season. Kent then gave Askeans permission to refer the matter to the RFU.

☐ Michael Kiernan has been omitted from Ireland's tour party to Namibia in July and from the preliminary World Cup party of 44. The tour captaincy passes from Rob *Saunders to Philip* Matthews.

☐ FOUR players from last season's ranks remain eligible for the two fixtures to be played next month by England's under-21 side, against the Netherlands senior XV at den Bosch on May 18 and against the French Armed Services four days later.

Lawrence Boyle, the Moseley centre, and Leroy McKenzie Coventry's wing, are joined by Neil Lyman (Moseley) and Dave Sims (Gloucester).

IN BRIEF

Gautier is catching BOC rival

THE BOC single-handed round the world race looked set for a cliff-hanging finish yesterday as Christophe Augin, in Groupe Sceta, struggled to make progress in light airs approaching the finish at Newport, Rhode Island. Astern, his rival, Alain Gautier, romped along at 13-and-a-half knots in strong and favourable winds.

Although Augin is 200 miles ahead on the water, Gautier has a credit balance of 21-and-a-half hours on overall aggregate time.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Jonathan Davies, of Widnes, was yesterday included among the three first division nominations in rugby league's man of steel awards.

☐ The St Helens coach, Mike McClennan, yesterday announced his team for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final meeting with Wigan at Wembley on Saturday, opting for the 13 players who beat Widnes 19-2 in the semi-final.

HOCKEY: The International Hockey Federation is to consider changes to the rules of the game after the Olympic Games in 1992, including reducing the number of players in a team from 11 and allowing a greater interchange.

REAL TENNIS: Julian Snow, the world's No. 1 amateur, has won the Coupe de Bordeaux, the prestigious French amateur championship.

BOWLS: England and New Zealand are to play four matches at Worthing from May 26 to 31 as part of their preparations for the 1992 world championships.

GOLF: Nick Faldo has signed a five-year contract with the club designers and manufacturers, Mizuno, expected to be worth £5 million.

BOXING: Tom Collins will challenge Leonzer Barber, of the United States, for the vacant *world light-heavyweight championship* in his home city of Leeds on May 9.

☐ Jack "Kid" Berg, the oldest of Britain's world boxing champions, died yesterday, aged 81. He won the National Boxing Association version of the world title by stopping Mushy Callahan in the tenth round in London in February, 1930, and defended it four times.

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OVERSEAS RESULTS

AFRICAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: First round: Djoliba Athletic Club (Mali) 1, Port Autonome (Sen) 0 (Djoliba win 1-0 on agg).

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Union 1, Estudiantes de la Plata 1, Independiente 1, Huracan 0, Chaco for Ever 1, Argentinos Juniors 0, River Plate 0, Platense 0, Rosario Central 2, San Lorenzo de Almagro 1; Gimnasia Esgrima La Plata 0, Newell's Old Boys 0, Ferro Carril Oeste 0, Boca Juniors 0 Velez Sarsfield 1, Deportivo Mandiyu (Corrientes) 1, Deportivo Espanol 1, Racing Club 2, Lanus 0, Talleres 2. Leading positions: 1, Boca Juniors, 14pts; 2, Independiente, 13; 3, Racing Club, 13.

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Austria Salzburg 3, DSV Alpine 2, Rapid Wien 1, Admira Wacker 0 Sturm Graz 1, Vorwärts Steyr 1, FK Austria Wien 3, FC Swarovski Tirol 1. Leading positions: 1, FK Austria Wien, 29pts, 2, FC Swarovski Tirol, 28, 3, Sturm Graz 23.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: FC Liège 0, Mechelen 2; Beveren 2, Standard Liège 0; Anderlecht 1, Beerschot 0, St Truiden 0, Lokeren 2, RSC Antwerp 2, Cercle Bruges 2, Lierse 2, Charleroi 1. Club Bruges 0 Genk 1, Ghent 1, Molenbeek 2. Leading positions (after 30 matches): 1. Anderlecht 48pts. 2 Mechelen, 44. 3 Ghent, 43.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Vasco da Gama 2, São Paulo 2, Cruzeiro Mineiro 0, Bahia 1; Sport 2, Atlético Paranaense 0 Internacional-Rio Grande do Sul 2, Atlético Mineiro 2, Vitoria 3, Goias 1; Flamengo 0, Portuguesa 0; Bragantino 3, Nautico 1, Corinthians 3 Fluminense 1 Leading positions (after 14 matches): 1, Bragantino, 18pts, 2, Atlético Mineiro, 18, 3, São Paulo, 18.

CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Union Cheb 3, Dukla Banska Bystrica 0; Banik Ostrava 3, Slovan Bratislava 1; Slavia Prague 2, Tatran Presov 2, Inter Bratislava 4, Dukla Prague 0, FC Nitra 0, Bohemians Prague 0; DAC Dunajska Streda 4, Zbrojovka Brno 0, Sigma Olomouc 3, TJ Vitkovice 1 Sparta Prague 4, Spartak Hradec Kralove 1 Leading positions (after 23 matches): 1. Union Cheb, 30pts, 2, Slovan Bratislava, 29, 3, DAC Dunajska Streda, 29.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Roda JC Kerkrade 0, Feyenoord 0 SVV Schiedam 1, MVV Maastricht 4, Sparta Rotterdam 1, PSV Eindhoven 0. FC Twente Enschede 4, Groningen 2; Willem II Tilburg 0, FC Utrecht 2: Fortuna Sittard 0, Volendam 0, Vitesse Arnhem 0, NEC Nijmegen 0, FC Den Haag 2 RKC Waalwijk 2 Ajax 4, SC Heerenveen 0. Leading positions: 1. PSV Eindhoven, played 25, 38pts, 2, Groningen, 25, 37, 3, Ajax, 24, 36.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 3, Metz 1. Brest 3, Cannes 2; Lyons 3, Caen 2; Montpellier 1, Nantes 1, Nancy 1, St Etienne 0, Nice 4 Lille 1. Paris Saint-Germain 3, Toulouse 0, Toulon 0. Bordeaux 2, Rennes 1, Marseilles 1, Sochaux 0. Monaco 2 Leading positions: 1, Marseilles, played 33, 48pts, 2, Monaco, 34, 46, 3, Auxerre, 34, 43.

GERMAN LEAGUES: Bundesliga (West): Bayer Uerdingen 0, Werder Bremen 0, St Pauli 2, Fortuna Düsseldorf 3, VfB Stuttgart 2, Kaiserslautern 2; Borussia Dortmund 0, Eintracht Frankfurt 3; Bayern Munich 2, Cologne 2; Nurnberg 2, Borussia Mönchengladbach 2; Bayer Leverkusen 4, VfL Bochum 2, SG Wattenscheid 1, Karlsruhe SC 1. Leading positions (after 27 matches): 1, Kaiserslautern, 38pts 2 Werder Bremen, 35 3, Bayern Munich, 34 Oberliga (East): Carl Zeiss Jena 4 FC Berlin 0, Dynamo Dresden 1, Energie Cottbus 1; FC Magdeburg 1, Viktoria 91 Frankfurt 0. Hansa Rostock 0, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1; Stahl Brandenburg 0, Sachsen Leipzig 0; Stahl Eisenhuettenstadt 2, Chemie Halle 4; Lokomotive Leipzig 3, Chemnitz 0 Leading positions (after 2? matches). 1, Hansa Rostock, 31pts, 2, Dynamo Dresden, 27 3, Rot-Weiss Erfurt, 24.

GREEK LEAGUE: Athinaikos 0, Panathinaikos 0; Paneleusis 0, Olympiakos 1, Ionikos 1, AEK Athens 1; PAOK Salonika 1, Doxa Drama 1; Apollon 0, Iraklis 1. Serres 2, OFI Crete 3 Aris Salonika 2, Panionios 0; Xanthi 3, Yannina 0; Levadiakos 0, Larissa 2. Leading positions (after 28 matches): 1, Panathinaikos, 44pts, 2, Olympiakos 40, 3, AEK Athens, 35 (Olympiakos penalised 2pts).

HUNGARIAN LEAGUE: Ferencváros 1, Honved 1, Veszprém 1, Vaci Izzó MTE 0 Békéscsaba 0, MTK-VM 0; Volan 0, Videoton Waltham 1; Tatabánya 0, Siofok 2; Debrecen VSC 3, Szeged 1; Gyori Rabi ETO 4, Vasas 0. UTE 2, Pécsi Munkás 1. Leading positions (after 22 matches): 1, Honvéd, 36pts, 2, Ferencváros, 33; 3, Váci Izzó MTE, 30.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone Town 2, Galway United 2, Bohemians 2, St Patrick's Athletic 1; Cork City 0, Dundalk 1; Limerick City 0, Derry City 2, Sligo Rovers 3, Waterford United 0 Final positions: 1, Dundalk, 50pts, 2, Cork City, 49, 3, St Patrick's, 44.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: AC Milan 1, AS Roma 1; Cagliari 0, Juventus 0; Atalanta 0, Parma 0; Cesena 1, Genoa 1, Fiorentina 0, Internazionale 0; Lazio 0, Napoli 2; Lecce 1, Bologna 3; Sampdoria 3, Bari 2, Torino 1, Pisa 0 Leading positions (after 30 matches): 1, Sampdoria, 45pts, 2, Internazionale, 42, 3, AC Milan, 41.

POLISH LEAGUE: Legia Warsaw 1, Olimpia Poznań 1, Gornik Zabrze 2, Motor Lublin 2, Slask Wroclaw 1, Zaglebie Lubin 3, LKS Lódz 3, Zaglebie Sosnowiec 2 Igloopol Debica 0, Hutnik Krakow 2, Lech Poznan 2, Stal Mielec 0; GKS Katowice 1, Ruch Chorzow 0, Wisla Krakow 3, Zawisza Bydgoszcz 0. Leading positions (after 21 matches) 1, Wisla Kraków, 28pts, 2, Zaglebie Lubin, 28, 3, GKS Katowice, 28.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Beira Mar 1, Sporting Braga 0; Benfica 5, Tirsense 0; Farense 0, Belenenses 0, Gil Vicente 1, Famalicão 0, Vitoria Guimarães 4, Vitoria Setubal 2, CS Maritimo 2, Chaves 2; Penafiel 1, Nacional de Madeira 2; Salgueiros 3, Uniao de Madeira 0, Boavista 3, Estrela de Amadora 0; Sporting Clube de Portugal 0, Porto 2. Leading positions (after 33 matches): 1, Benfica, 60pts; 2, Porto, 59; 3, Sporting Clube de Portugal, 50.

ROMANIAN LEAGUE: Steaua Bucharest 4, FC Farul Constanta 1, Sportul Studentesc 4, Rapid Bucharest 1; Corvinul Hunedoara 2, Dinamo Bucharest 1; FC Bihor Oradea 1, FC Brasov 1; Progresul Braila 1. Gloria Bistrita 0, Universitatea Craiova 4. Universitatea Cluj 0, Arges Pitesti 2, Politehnica Timisoara 0. Petrolul Ploiesti 3, Jiul Petrosani 2. Dinamo Bucharest 2, Inter Sibiu 1. Leading positions (after 24 matches): 1, Universitatea Craiova, 34pts; 2, Steaua Bucharest, 32, 3, *Dinamo Bucharest*, 31.

SOVIET LEAGUE: Shakhtyor Donetsk 1, CSKA Moscow 1, Dynamo Minsk 2, Pamir Dushanbe 2; Metallist Kharkov 3, Pakhtakor Tashkent 1; Chernomorets Odessa 1, Spartak Vladikavkaz 3; Lokomotiv Moscow 1, Dynamo Moscow 1; Spartak Moscow 3, Ararat Yerevan 2; Torpedo Moscow 0, Metallurg Zaporozhe 0. Leading positions: 1, CSKA Moscow, played 7, 13pts, 2, Shakhtyor Donetsk, 8, 10, 3, Ararat Yerevan, 8, 9.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Burgos 4, Castellon 0; Barcelona 3, Sevilla 0; Atlético Madrid 0, Real Mallorca 1; Sporting Gijon 1, Real Zaragoza 0; Osasuna 1, Cádiz 1; Athletic Bilbao 2, Real Sociedad 1; Real Valladolid 1, Real Oviedo 0; Real Betis 1, Real Madrid 3, Valencia 2, Espanol 0; Tenerife 2, Logroñés 0. Leading positions (after 31 matches): 1, Barcelona, 51pts; 2, Atlético Madrid, 44, 3, *Osasuna*, 37.

SWISS LEAGUE: Grasshopper Zürich 1, Servette 1, Young Boys 2, Sion 2, Lausanne 2, Lugano 0; Lucerne 1, Neuchâtel Xamax 1. Leading positions (final phase after 7 matches): 1, Sion, 23pts; 2, Grasshopper Zürich, 22; 3. Neuchâtel Xamax, 22.

TURKISH LEAGUE: Besiktas 3, Galatasaray 2; Zeytinburnu 1, Karsiyaka 2; Konyaspor 3, Trabzonspor 1; Boluspor 0, Bursaspor 0; Aydinspor 0, Bakirkoyspor 0, Gaziantepspor 0, Adanaspor 0, Fenerbahce 2, Genclerbirligi 1. Ankaragucu 0, Sariyer 1 Leading positions (after 27 matches): 1, Besiktas, 62pts, 2, Galatasaray, 58, 3, Trabzonspor, 49.

YUGOSLAV LEAGUE: Dinamo Zagreb 8, Sarajevo 1; Borac Banja Luka 2, Red Star *Belgrade 2 (Borac won 8-7 on pens)*. Buducnost Titograd 2, Radnicki Nis 0; Zemun 2, Spartak Subotica 1; Osijek 3, Vojvodina Novi Sad 1; Olimpija Ljubljana 3, Zeljeznicar 0, Rijeka 0, Rad Belgrade 0 (Rijeka won 6-5 on pens): Velez Mostar 5, Proleter Zrenjanin 2. Partizan Belgrade 3, Sloboda Tuzla 1 Leading positions: 1, Red Star Belgrade, played 28, 42pts: 2, Partizan Belgrade, 27, 33, 3, Proleter Zrenjanin, 28, 31.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE (WLAF): Birmingham Fire 31, Orlando Thunder 6, San Antonio 22, Barcelona Dragons 14.

COCA COLA LEAGUE: First division: Bristol Packers 12, Brighton B52's 28, Birmingham Bulls 45, Leeds Cougars 14, Blackpool Falcons 18, Glasgow Lions 32; Manchester Spartans 0, Leicester Panthers 28. Second division: Redditch Arrows 8, Coventry Bears 28, Bolton Buccaneers 6, Milton Keynes *Pioneers* 35.

BADMINTON

BARNSLEY: Royal Bank of Scotland inter-county championship: First division: Final: Surrey 12, Yorkshire 5.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 117, Boston Celtics 105, Minnesota Timberwolves 89, Washington Bullets 87; Chicago Bulls 108, Detroit Pistons 100, Cleveland Cavaliers 123, Philadelphia 76ers 110; San Antonio Spurs 135, Dallas Mavericks 101; Sacramento Kings 105, Los Angeles Clippers 101. Golden State Warriors 125, Utah Jazz 106; Phoenix Suns 135, Portland Trail Blazers 118; Orlando Magic 120, New Jersey Nets 110; Houston Rockets 131, Denver Nuggets 125, Los Angeles Lakers 103, Seattle SuperSonics 100.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division	W	L	Pct	GB
† Boston Celtics	56	26	.683	—
* Philadelphia 76ers	44	38	.537	12
* New York Knicks	39	43	.476	17
Washington Bullets	30	52	.366	26
New Jersey Nets	26	56	.317	30
Miami Heat	24	58	.293	32
Central division				
† Chicago Bulls	61	21	.744	—
* Detroit Pistons	50	32	.610	11
* Milwaukee Bucks	48	34	.585	13
* Atlanta Hawks	43	39	.524	18
* Indiana Pacers	41	41	.500	20
Cleveland Cavaliers	33	49	.402	28
Charlotte Hornets	26	56	.317	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division	W	L	Pct	GB
† San Antonio Spurs	55	27	.671	—
* Utah Jazz	54	28	.659	1
* Houston Rockets	52	30	.634	3
Orlando Magic	31	51	.378	24
Minnesota Timberwolves	29	53	.354	26
Dallas Mavericks	28	54	.341	27
Denver Nuggets	20	62	.244	35
Pacific division				
† Portland Trail Blazers	63	19	.768	—
* Los Angeles Lakers	58	24	.707	5
* Phoenix Suns	55	27	.671	8
* Golden State Warriors	44	38	.537	19
* Seattle SuperSonics	41	41	.500	22
Los Angeles Clippers	31	51	.378	32
Sacramento Kings	25	57	.305	38

† won division title
* won play-off berth

FENCING

GRANBY HALLS, Leicester: Winton Cup: First division: 1, Wales; 2, Scotland-West; 3, North West; 4, Yorks and Humberside. Second division: 1, London; 2, South West; 3, West Midlands; 4, East Midlands.

FOOTBALL

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: QPR 1, Brighton 0 Millwall 1 West Ham 1

SCHOOLS U-15 INTERNATIONALS: Northern Ireland 0, Switzerland 1 (at Dungannon). Scotland 2, Wales 0 (at Stotts).

ORIENTEERING

SCREEL HILL, Castle Douglas: British Fell Racing championship series: First event (3¾ miles 1,100ft). Men: 1, K Anderson (Ambleside), 29min 28sec; 2, C Donnelly (Eryri), 30:08, 3, S Hawkins (Bingley), 30:14. Women: 1, T Calder (ESPCAC), 36:10, 2, C Cook (Clayton-le-Moors), 37:09, 3, C Croft (Dark Peak), 37:18. Teams: 1, Bingley, 19pts, 2, Pudsey and Bramley, 39.

CREAG VINEAN, Dunkeld: British team trial and Scottish league race. Men (14.4km, 485m climb). 1, D Jones (Clydesiders), 91min 00sec; 2, M Bagness (Warrior), 93:50, 3, A Kitchin (Edinburgh Interlopers), 94:19 Women (8.8km, 300m climb): 1, C Bolland (Edinburgh University), 78min 40sec; 2, Y Hague (Aventeers), 79:22, 3, S Hague (Meroc), 87:26.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 13, Chicago Cubs 12, Atlanta Braves 3, Cincinnati Reds 2; St Louis Cardinals 7, Philadelphia Phillies 6; Los Angeles Dodgers 6, San Diego Padres 0; San Francisco Giants 1, Houston Astros 0, New York Mets 9, Montreal Expos 5.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit Tigers 4, Milwaukee Brewers 11, Toronto Blue Jays 8; Minnesota Twins 4, California Angels 3, Seattle Mariners 7, Oakland Athletics 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York Mets	8	5	.615	—
Pittsburgh Pirates	8	5	.615	—
Chicago Cubs	7	6	.538	1
St Louis Cardinals	7	6	.538	1
Montreal Expos	5	8	.385	3
Philadelphia Phillies	4	9	.308	4
West division				
San Diego Padres	8	5	.615	—
Cincinnati Reds	6	5	.545	1
Los Angeles Dodgers	6	6	.500	1½
San Francisco Giants	6	6	.500	1½
Houston Astros	5	7	.417	2½
Atlanta Braves	4	6	.400	2½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit Tigers	7	4	.636	—
Toronto Blue Jays	8	5	.615	—
Boston Red Sox	6	5	.545	1
Milwaukee Brewers	6	6	.500	1½
Cleveland Indians	4	6	.400	2½
Baltimore Orioles	4	6	.400	2½
New York Yankees	4	7	.364	3
West division				
Chicago White Sox	7	3	.700	—
Oakland Athletics	8	5	.636	½
California Angels	8	5	.636	½
Seattle Mariners	6	6	.500	2
Kansas City Royals	5	6	.455	2½
Texas Rangers	4	5	.444	2½
Minnesota Twins	3	9	.250	5

BOWLS

CAMBERLEY: National father and son competition: Semi-finals: M and R Bass (Cambridge Park) bt P and G Mooring (York), 22-8, M and B Patterson (Moorfleet) bt M and D Thompson (Raby gate), 22-7. Final: Moorfleet bt Cambridge Park, 19-15.

DERBYSHIRE TROPHY (premier inter-county team championship): Lincolnshire bt Durham, 177-93.

EVERSLEY TROPHY (secondary inter-county team championship). Northamptonshire bt Durham, 87-78.

COUNTY MATCH: Berkshire 129, Worcestershire 130.

SIMBA HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE: Hertfordshire 171, Buckinghamshire 155.

CANOEING

RIVER TYNE: British wild-water event: Men: K1: 1, M Bassett (NZ), 20min 2sec; 2, D Kay (Leeds), 20:19; 3, P Bassett (NZ), 20:58. Women: K1: 1, S Bains (Nottingham), 22min 10sec; 2, A Clayton (Trossachs), 22:47.

GOLF

VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT: 1, S Richardson (Eng), £152,274; 2, J-M Olazábal (Sp), £99,557; 3, M McLean (Eng), £77,299 4 equal, I Woosnam (Wales), £68,660 B Langer (Ger) £68,660, 6 V Singh (Fiji) £59,849 7 S Torrance (Scot) £57,882 8, M-A Jimenez (Sp), £52,400. 9 G Levenson (SA) £51,765, 10, A Forsbrand (Swe), £47,894; 11, M Martin (Sp), £46,302; 12, D Feherty (N Ire), £45,320. 13, J Rivero (Sp), £44,502. 14 V, Fernandez (Arg), £37,811, 15, B Lane (Eng), £37,733.

PALM BEACH: PGA seniors championship: Final scores: 271: J Nicklaus (US), 66, 66, 69, 70 277: B Crampton (Aus), 72, 67, 70, 68 282: B Charles (NZ), 72, 71, 68, 71. 283: H Blancas (Arg), 70, 72, 70, 71 284: G Archer (US), 68, 74, 68, 74 285. R Thompson (US), 72, 72, 72, 69; J Dent (US) 71, 66, 75, 73 286: O Moody (US), 72, 72, 70, 72, G Player (SA), 73, 73, 68, 72, J Colbert (US), 73, 67, 72, 74. 287: L Trevino (US), 72, 72, 72, 71.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND: Heritage Classic: 271: D Love 65 68 68, 70 273: I Baker-Finch (Aus), 75, 64, 65, 69 274: L Wadkins 68 66 70, 69 276: P Stewart, 68, 68, 70, 69, H Irwin, 70, 70, 66, 69 277: F Funk, 69, 69, 68, 71, B Mayfair, 66, 72, 68, 71; C Beck, 68, 64, 73, 72. 278: B Clampett, 72, 66, 67, 73.

CYCLING

LIÈGE-BASTOGNE-LIÈGE RACE: Overall result: 1, M Argentin (It), 7hr 15min, 2, C Criquielion (Bel), same time; 3, R Sorensen (Den), same time; 4, M Indurain (Sp), same time; 5, E van Lancker (Bel), at 10sec.

TOUR OF ARAGON: Sixth leg: 1, J-P van Poppel (Neth), 3:45:33; 2, J Museeuw (Bel), same time, 3, S Martinelli (It), same time British: 9, C Sturgess, same time. Overall standings: 1, E Corredor (Col), 28:45:23, 2, G Pettito (It), 8sec; 3, *A Chiurato (It)*, 14sec.

TIME-TRIALS: Witham, Essex: Elite CC (25 miles): 1, I Cammish (Raleigh), 51:17, 2 M Pyne (Polytechnic CC), 52:09, 3, P Bull (Gemini BC), 53:34. Women: P Strong (Raleigh), 1:1:44. Risby: W Suffolk Wh (25 miles) 1, G Taylor (Leo RC) 55:18. 2, A Newark (Ely and Dist CC), 56:10; 3, A Stapleton (Leo RC), 56:40 Team: RT East 3:1:35 Rhondda: Acme Wheelers (25 miles) 1, I Griffiths (Brecon Wh), 57:00; 2, D Rogers (Cwmcarn Paragon), 57:58, 3, G Watts (Norwich CC), 58:05 Team: Ogmore Valley Wh, 3:1:59 Marlow: Marlborough AC (25 miles) 1, S Dangerfield (Leo RC), 53:14; 2, D Cresse (Unity CC), 55:28, 3, N Boyle (Gloucester City CC), 58:33. Team: Polytechnic CC, 2:52:36. Tandems: R Hollam and T Harris (Brighton Excelsior), 52:26. Newbury, Berks: Harlequins CC (25 miles) M Dunney (VC St Raphael), 1:1:02. *Team: Rother Valley CC, 3:12:19.* Southgate CC: Little Paxton, Cambs (10 miles) S Dangerfield (Leo RC), 20:30 Darvel, Scotland: Loudoun RC Hilly (18 miles) 1, D Gibson (GS Modena), 48:31, 2, J Glasswell (Loudoun RC), 48:34, 3, I Humphries (Regent CC), 47:57 Yarm: Cleveland Coureurs 2-Up (19 miles): A Cosgrove and A Critchlow (Ferryhill Wh), 1:8:32. Keswick: VC Cumbria (10 miles) G Nowland (Team Rapide), 22:51. Lancaster CC (25 miles). R Warrington (ABC Centreville), 58:13. Team: Preston Wh, 3:3:35 Wallsend: Northumberland and Durham CA (25 miles) M Bradshaw (GS Metro), 57:10 Farndon: W Cheshire TTCA (30 miles): A Wilkinson (Port Sunlight Wh), 1:9:27 Team: Mid-Shropshire Wh, 3:35:50 Bournemouth Arrow CC (25 miles). 1, J Short (Antelope RT), 54:34, 2, A Rowley (Gloucester City CC), 55:23; 3, I de St Croix (Cassarean CC), 55:53 Team: Antelope 2:53:25, South Pennine RC (25m): 1, S Thorne (S Pennine), 56:47; 2, N Northam (Leicester Forest CC), 58:28; 3, W Norman (Leicester Forest), 58:37 Team: S Pennine 2:59:14 Conisbrough Ivanhoe CC (25 miles): 1, V Mackam (Leeds St Christopher's), 54:52, 2, G Cook (Chesterfield Coureurs), 56:25, 3, C Suggen (Sheffield RCC), 58:37 Team: Holme Valley Wheelers 3:2:23 South Eastern RC 2-up (50km): 1, S Marchant and M Oliver (S Eastern RC), 1 11:29, 2, R Geringe and M Roach (Hounslow and Dist CC), 1 12:09, 3, M Jones and C Bennyworth (GS Stella), 1 15:00. Beacon RCC mountain (35m): 1, S Jones (KJC Carpets), 1:30:19, 2, A Collis (Royal Sutton CC), 1:31:06, 3, M Watsham (PCA), 1:31:19. Team: Royal Sutton 4.46:29

ROAD RACES: Davie Bell Memorial (Scottish GP series, Ayr, 85 miles). 1, R Riccio (Moray Firth RT), 3:42:20, 2, N Cameron (VC Olympia), same time, 3, A Young (Glenmarnock Wh), same time. King of the Mountains: M Coll (Ace RT) DLB Peter Fryer Trophy veterans' (Halifax, 64 miles): 1, J Watchman (ABC Centreville), 2:41:10 2, J Wright (Middridge CRT), 2:41:15, 3, S Carne (Thames Valo), 2:41:16 Cheshire County GP (Delamere Forest, 48m): 1, L Jones (GS Strada) 2:10:23, 2, S Hodge (VC Ajax), same time, 3, J Hill (Liverpool Mercury) same time. Farnway GP (Eastway, London, 100km): 1, M Dolan (Mid-Devon RC), 2:33:17 2, R Hammond (Wembley RC) same time 3 S Blunt (Wembley RC) same time Larry Moores Memorial two-day (128m) 1 K Jones (Deeside Olympic) 5:21:21, 2, D Williams (Liverpool Mercury), 5:22:51; 3, S Calland (ABC Centreville), 5.23.14.

EQUESTRIANISM

GATWICK SOUTH OF ENGLAND HORSE TRIALS: TVS Pedigree Chum Superleague: Final: 1, Sir Barnaby (Miss R McMullen and Modern Alarms, Pipper Nolan), 45, 2, Kings Fight (Mrs Andrea Stanley), 51, 3, Messiah (Mrs Carol Bytes, Bayth Tait), 53.

ETON FIVES

KINNAIRD CUP: Semi-finals (at Eton): J Reynolds and M de Souza-Girao bt A Hughes and R Tyler, 3-0, N Rathbone and E Wass bt G Dunbar and M Williams, 3-2 Final: Reynolds and De Souza-Girao bt Rathbone and Wass, 3-1.

HOCKEY

MEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: North: Northumberland 1, Cheshire 6, Durham 1, Lancashire 1; Yorkshire 12, Cumbria 0 South: Buckinghamshire 2, Surrey 2. West: Dorset 4, Somerset 2; Cornwall 0, Gloucestershire 6, Hereford 0, Devon 9, Gloucestershire 8, Wiltshire 0, Somerset 9, Herefordshire 0, Dorset 8, Cornwall 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup play-offs: Second round. Adams Division: Finals: Boston Bruins 3, Montreal Canadiens 2 (Bruins lead best of seven series, 2-1) Patrick Division: Finals: Pittsburgh Penguins 3, Washington Capitals 1 (Penguins lead 2-1).

FINLAND: World championship: Canada 3, Germany 2 (in Turku). Soviet Union 3, Finland 0 (in Helsinki).

HEINEKEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Play-offs: Ayr 7, Peterborough 8, Cardiff 9, Whitley Bay 2. Durham 20, Solihull 8, Murrayfield 7 Nottingham 2 Promotion play-offs: Bracknell 8 Swindon 5, Cleveland 8, Slough 5 Humberside 8, Romford 6; Telford 11, Fife 4. Qualifying play-offs: Oxford 10, Glasgow 7; Tayside 6, Medway 2.

LACROSSE

CARDIFF: Women's under-21s triangular tournament: Wales 5, England 5, Wales 3 Scotland 8 England 8, Scotland 7, Wales 8 7 England Res 11.

MOTOR CYCLING

LAGUNA SECA, California: United States grande prix: 250cc: 1, L Cadalora (It), Honda, 45min 7.590sec, 2, W Zeelenberg (Neth) Honda, 45:13.864, 3, L Reggiani (It), Aprilia, 45.22.634 4, C Cardus (Sp), Honda, 45.28.942, 5, M Shimizu (Japan), Honda, 45.33.523. 6, A Preining (Austria), Aprilia 45.46.315. British placings 27, I Newton (GB), Yamaha, 2 laps behind. 31, K Mitchell (GB), Yamaha, 15 laps 500cc: 1, W Rainey (US), Yamaha, 51min 19.381sec, 2, M Doohan (Aus), Honda, 51:28.335, 3, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 51:35.984, 4, J-P Ruggia (Fr) Yamaha, 51.39.292 5, E Lawson (US), Cagiva, 51.41.212 6, A Barros (Br), Cagiva 51.44.452, 7 W Gardner (Aus), Honda, 51.54.430 Other placing: 13, E Laycock (Eire), Yamaha, one lap back.

BLACKBURN: World trials championship: British round: 1 D Bosis (It) 64pts 2 D Vigilio (It) 68 3, J Tarres (Sp), 67 British: 7, S Saunders, 100.

THRUXTON: Spring Cup: Final round: Winners. Supersport 600 (8 laps 18.65m) S Ives (Yamaha), 11min 30.1sec. 250cc (10 laps 23.56m) S Sawford (Yamaha) 13:59.6 Sidecars (8 laps) V Butler and S Pointer (Windle) 12:08.7 125cc (8 laps) I McConnachie (Honda) 12:02.5 Supersports 400 (8 laps): S Ives (Yamaha), 11 40.4. 750cc Superbikes (9 laps, 21.20m) T Nation (JPS Norton), 12:27.5.

ARCO DI TRENTO: Italian 125cc motocross grand prix: First race. 1, S Everts (Bel), Suzuki. 2 D Schmidt (US), Suzuki. 3, R Moore (US), KTM. Second race: 1, Schmidt. 2, Moore. 3, P Bauer (Ger), Suzuki. World championship standings: 1, Schmidt, 37pts 2, Moore 32 3 Everts 30.

CASTLE COMBE: Spring Cup meeting: Winners only: Supersport 400: S Ives, 93.84mph. 125cc: I McConnachie, 92.54mph. Sidecars: M Boddice and D Wells 95.41mph Superbikes: T Nation, 103.46mph 250cc: I McConnachie, 100.25mph Supersport 600 S Ives 98.82mph

MOTOR RACING

DONINGTON: British Formula three championship: 1, D Coulthard (GB) Ralt Mugen, 31min 25.91sec: 2, R Rydell (Swe), TOMS Toyota, 31.39.83, 3, F Naspetti (Br) Ralt Mugen 31:58.89 4, J Gene (Sp), Ralt Mugen, 31.57.63, 5, S Robertson (GB), Ralt-VW 31:39.58, 6, M Albers (Neth), Ralt Mugen, 32:00.34.

REAL TENNIS

COUPE DE BORDEAUX FRENCH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: J Snow bt N Pendrigh, 6-2, 6-5.

LORD'S: George Wimpey British amateur championship. First round: A Page bt C Dean, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0. J Ward bt A Beeson, 6-1, 6-3 6-0 W Hollington bt P Wilkinson, 6-5, 6-0, 6-0, M Howard bt T Warburg, 5-6, 5-5, 6-5, 6-5, 6-5.

ROWING

READING SPRINT REGATTA: Second day Women and veterans: Eights: Men's veterans C: Queen bt Reading Canvas, 1.32 Women's senior three. Staines bt Reading 2 2/3 lgths 1.33 Sculls: Men's veterans C: B Fentiman rode over 1.42 Men's Veterans B: R T Herod bt P E Smith, 4lgths, 1.41 Men's Veteran E: R Wilson bt J Denton, easily, 2.03. Women's senior one: A Seeman bt A Higgins, 1 length Women's senior two: K Johnson bt R Rudian 2½ lengths, 1.56. Women's senior three. M Fentiman bt S Anon, 1 length, 1.58 Women's novice. K Johnson bt N Taylor, 4 lengths, 1.55 Fours: Women's novice: Staines bt Globe 2½ lengths, 1.47 Women's senior three. Reading bt Henley, 1 length, 1.45 Coxless Fours: Men's Veteran B. Quintin bt Bewdley, 1½ lengths 1.20 Men's veteran A. Reading bt Bewdley. Row over, 1.40 Men's veteran C. Reading bt Henley, easily, 1.38 Men's veteran E. Worcester bt Shiplake, half length, 1.48.

RUGBY UNION

SOMERSET CUP: Final: Combe Down 13, Old Culverhaysians 12.

MIDDLESEX CUP: Final: Ealing 12 Ruislip 13

STAFFORDSHIRE CUP: Final: Wolverhampton 28 Lichfield 0.

SURREY SEVENS: *Final: Harlequins 38, Richmond 10.*

OXFORDSHIRE SEVENS: Final: Northampton 25, Wasps 16.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Astor county championship (Sussex host, 300, 500 and 600yds) Team rifle matches. Winners only: Martlets RC, 607.56 (J Messer, 105.14) Match Rifle (1,000 yards) Eights: John de Haviland's VIII, 524. 300 and 600yds. Sixes: 1, Oxford and Cambridge RA 581 (N Tremlett), 100.14 2 Cambridge 580 (J James 99.15) 300 and 500yds (Sixes) 1 Epsom College 585.65 (J Hillman) 99.15 2 Gresham's School 570.51 (A Lennane) 98.12 300 and 600yds. Eights: 1 Cambridge 774. 2 Old Greshams 764 3 Gresham's School, 762 300 and 600 yds. Eights: 1 Surrey, 775.56 (B Harrigan), 99.6, 2 British Universities 773.56 (A Luckman) 99.12

REINDAHLEN RAF GERMANY RIFLE MEETING Quadrangular match. 1, RAF UK A 420, 2, RAF UK B, 411, 3, RAF Germany, 410 Individual: M Joyce 142.11 RAF Germany Open: Teams: 1, Schloss Neuhaus, 877. 2, Wittlager, 873 Individual: 1 H Siedel, 298. 2, Squadron Leader D Calvert, 297 Berliner Bar (teams) 1 RAF UK 547 2 RAF Germany 525 Individual grand aggregate. Calvert, 139. 500 metres B Jones, 74.8. 800 metres: Joyce, 70 International match: 1, RAF UK A, 553. 2 RAF Germany, 538. 3, RAF UK B, 536

BISLEY: Berkshire short range championship: Courage Cup (open) and Gownings Trophy (closed): 1, R Kingston (Berks RC), 98.14, 2, R Very (Bracknell), 98.8 3, A Fynes (Bracknell), 97.2 Huntley and Palmer Ruse Bowl (Women): Mrs E Smallwood (Berks RC). 92.8 Hewlett-Packard Trophy (juniors), vary. 98.6 Windsor RC Trophy (Tyros): Fynes, 97.12 Home Guard Cup (Teams): Berks RC A, 201.22 Carter Trophy (Tyro Teams): Bracknell B, 194.19

TENNIS

SINGAPORE: ATP tournament: First round: J Eltingh (Neth) bt S Davis (US), 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 G Michibata (Can) bt P Kuhnen (Ger) 7-6, 6-4 S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt K Curren (US) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 J Grabb (US) bt A Sznajder (Can) 6-4, 6-2 G Connell (Can) bt J Canter (US) 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, T Hogstedt (Swe) bt B Garrow (US), 6-2, 6-2.

SNOOKER

SHEFFIELD: Embassy world championship: First round: S Davis (Eng) bt K Doherty (Rep of Ire), 10-8. Frame scores (Davis first) 60-22, 54-20, 68-24, 132-0, 34-74, 42-68, 38-52, 49-84, 23-68, 111-0, 37-70, 14-100, 62-36, 58-75, 71-48, 108-0, 73-9, 82-31. A Knowles (Eng) bt A Virgo (Eng), 10-8 Frames (Knowles first) 29-86, 63-61, 13-63, 21-74, 66-18, 96-28, 65-46, 68-43, 31-80, 91-15, 89-8, 87-0, 67-22, 35-64, 39-75, 42-68, 78-16, 57-41. S James (Eng) bt I Graham (Eng), 10-3 Frames (James first) 25-78, 61-44, 97-31, 56-24, 72-28, 110-0, 97-45, 6-77, 22-82, 63-24, 62-48, 74-0, 70-38. D Taylor (N Ire) leads J Johnson (Eng), 6-3 Frames (Taylor first) 64-44, 83-37, 90-0, 36-90, 73-27, 85-0, 49-54, 37-84, 77-47. N Foulds (Eng) bt E Charlton (Aus), 10-7

SWIMMING

EMPIRE POOL, Cardiff: Seven nations tournament: Men: Freestyle: 50m: S Volery (Switz) 23.82sec. 100m: A Kasvio (Fin) 51.85. 200m: Kasvio, 1min 52.02sec. 400m: Kasvio 3:39.84. 1,500m: Kasvio 16:09.57. Backstroke: 100m: S Mirano (Bel), 58.23sec. 200m: Meerts, 2min 04.77sec. Breaststroke: 100m: G O'Toole (Eire) 1:05.75. 200m: N Hughton (Scot) 2:20.07. Butterfly: 100m: C Kjønstad (Nor) 56.52sec. 200m: M Watkins (Wales) 2min 04.52sec. Individual medley: 200m: O'Toole, 2:09.06. 400m: Meerts 4:33.86. 4 x 100m freestyle relay: Switzerland 3:29.41. 4 x 200m freestyle relay: Norway 7:40.25. 4 x 100m medley relay: Norway, 3:54.09. Women: Freestyle: 50m: A Sheppard (Scot), 26.77sec. 100m: Sheppard 58.08. 200m: I Dalby (Nor), 2min 05.12sec. 400m: Dalby 4:20.83. 800m: Dalby 8:57.83. Backstroke: 100m: Sheppard 1:05.54. 200m: L Madsen (Nor), 2:20.13. Breaststroke: 100m: J Hill (Scot), 1:12.31. 200m: Hill 2:37.55. Butterfly: 100m: M Pervonen (Fin) 1:03.06. 200m: B Becue (Bel), 2:18.39. Individual medley: 200m: Hill, 2:20.78. 400m: Dalby 4:57.48. 4 x 100m freestyle relay: Scotland 3:56.69. 4 x 200m freestyle relay: Norway 8:33.54. 4 x 100m medley relay: Belgium 4:24.46. Final team positions: Men: 1 Norway 352pts 2 Finland 299 3 Switzerland 296 4 Wales 281 5 Belgium 261 6 Scotland 230 7 Eire 214. Women: 1 Scotland 360 2 Norway 356 3 Belgium 318 4 Finland 278 5 Wales 222 6 Switzerland 214 7 Eire 181. Overall: 1 Norway 708 2 Belgium 599, 3 Scotland 593 4 Finland 577 5 Switzerland 510 6 Wales 503, 7 Eire 395

YACHTING

RUTLAND WATER: Optimist inland championship: 1 D Lenz (Restronguet) 4.5pts 2 B Ainslie (Restronguet) 6 3 J Gorrod (Weston) 9.75 4 C Draper (Weston) 10 5 equal O Ashton (Wearwood) and A Solomons (Rutland) 18

BOC SINGLE-HANDED ROUND THE WORLD RACE: Leading positions (at 13.00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Newport Rhode Island): Class 1: 1 Groupe Sceta (C Augin, Fr) 415 2 Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr) 633 3 Credit Agricole (*P Jeantot, Fr*), 889 4 Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus) 1,268 5 Jaman (K Bettex, Aus) 1,370 6 Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr) 1,396 Class 2: 1 Servant IV (Y Dupasquier, Fr) 1,556 2 Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus) 1,690 3 New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB) 1,829 4 Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 1,945, 5, Sebago (H Roth, US), 2,902

SPEEDWAY

HACKNEY: World championship: British quarter-final: 1 A Grahame (Wimbledon) 15pts 2 A Mogridge (Arena Essex) 14 3 N Simpson (Wimbledon) 11, 4, C Louis (Ipswich) 10 (after a run-off).

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
First division

Arsenal v QPR (7.45)
Aston Villa v Manchester C
Derby v Leeds
Liverpool v C Palace
Sunderland v Wimbledon (7.45)

Second division

Barnsley v Blackburn (7.45)
Brighton v Bristol City
Swindon v Notts County (7.45)
Watford v West Bromwich (7.45)

Third division

Chester v Swansea
Fulham v Brentford
Grimsby v Crewe
Leyton Orient v Wigan (7.45)
Mansfield v Rotherham
Reading v Shrewsbury

Fourth division

Aldershot v Chesterfield
Burnley v Blackpool
Doncaster v Halifax
Peterborough v Scunthorpe
Rochdale v Hartlepool
Stockport v Torquay
York v Scarborough

GM Vauxhall Conference

Northwich v Slough (7.45)
Stafford v Barnet
Wycombe v Merthyr

B and Q Scottish League
First division

Airdrie v Morton
Partick v Ayr

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Marlow, Enfield v Redbridge Forest; Hayes v Dagenham, Woking v Kingstonian (7.45) First division: Dorking v Croydon; Hitchin v Bromley; Whyteleafe v Boreham Wood. Second division north: Basildon v Saffron Walden; Hemel Hempstead v Stevenage Borough; Kingsbury v Vauxhall Motors: Witham v Royston. Second division south: Banstead Athletic v Camberley. Egham v Malden Vale; Eastbourne v Maidenhead; Horsham v Leatherhead; Hungerford v Harefield.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Matlock v Buxton; Shepshed v Witton First division: Eastwood Town v Accrington Stanley; Harrogate v Emley; Irlam v Netherfield; Radcliffe Borough v Alfreton, Warrington v Bridlington Town.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton v Cambridge City (7.45); Crawley v Waterlooville; Farnborough v Worcester; Gloucester v Gravesend; Halesowen v Poole. Midland division: Bilston v Newport AFC; King's Lynn v Corby; Redditch v RC Warwick: Spalding v Barry; Stourbridge v Grantham, Stroud v Sutton *Coldfield*. Southern division: Ashford v Gosport Borough, Buckingham v Andover, Trowbridge v Erith and Belvedere.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division (7.00: Oldham v Hull; Preston v Blackpool.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Chelsea v Southampton (2.00); Portsmouth v Wimbledon (7.00).

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup Borough v Ashton Utd, Clitheroe v Colwyn Bay, Prescot v Atherton LR, Skelmersdale v Flixton Raab Karcher Challenge Cup: Maine Road (Man) v Darwen.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Afan Lido v Cwmbran.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Dawlish v Bristol Manor Farm; Liskeard Athletic v Saltash; Paulton v Welton.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Gorleston v Cornard: Great Yarmouth v Harwich and Parkeston; Tiptree v Clacton, Wisbech v Watton.

WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: Premier division: Denaby v Spennymoor, Maltby MW v North Shields; Ossett Albion v Pontefract Col.

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup

11.00, 55 overs

DERBY: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Combined Universities.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Leicestershire.
FORFAR: Scotland v Lancashire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Essex.
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire.
TAUNTON: Somerset v Middlesex.
TROWBRIDGE: Minor Counties v Glamorgan.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

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Borg a mix of iron will and wooden racket

From Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent, Monte Carlo

THE price of almost everything is high here. But the market value of curiosity as Bjorn Borg made the final preparations for his tennis comeback against Jordi Arrese, of Spain, today in the Monte Carlo Open has gone through the roof.

It is the reason why the crowd at Borg's final practice was bigger than the one on the centre court for the opening match of the tournament, why the crowd of journalists was bigger than both, and why, according to some, Borg's comeback, six weeks short of his 35th birthday, has already solved his much-publicised and probably much-exaggerated financial problems. But truth is harder to trade than opinion here at the moment.

Even the players have cast off their blinkers for a day or two. Many of them have had to rely on their videos or locker-room folklore for evidence of Borg's prowess and the players' gallery is guaranteed to be as full as the rest of the picturesque centre court when Borg returns to action, after seven years, on the centre court today.

"The players are looking forward to seeing him," Mats Wilander said. "I think they know what's going to happen. It will be a long match and there will not be much net attack, but they are curious to see if Bjorn is strong enough to win."

Curiosity drew Lennart Bergelin, who guided Borg to five Wimbledon and six French titles, here yesterday; and also, to a lesser extent, Ron Thatcher, the professor of martial arts, who looked after Borg's physical and mental health during his prime. The pair sat several rows apart at the back during Borg's practice, not for the first time their views differing widely.

"It is sad," Bergelin said. "He should be helping the youngsters rather than playing against them. I still see him and think of him as a champion." Thatcher, who also answers to his martial arts name of Tia Honsai, says he was contacted by Borg for the first time in eight years late last year.

"He wanted to know if I would train him and I wanted to know whether he really wanted to do it," he said. Thatcher was a constant and rather incongruous figure as Borg pounded the courts at Queen's Club during the winter. Aged 79, he watches Borg through binoculars and has summoned all his martial arts training to test Borg's determination.

"He was 100 per cent when I first saw him," he said. "He has the body tissue of a man of 24 and his heart rate is very, very low. He is equally as fit as when he won Wimbledon. I look after his physical and mental training, that is all.

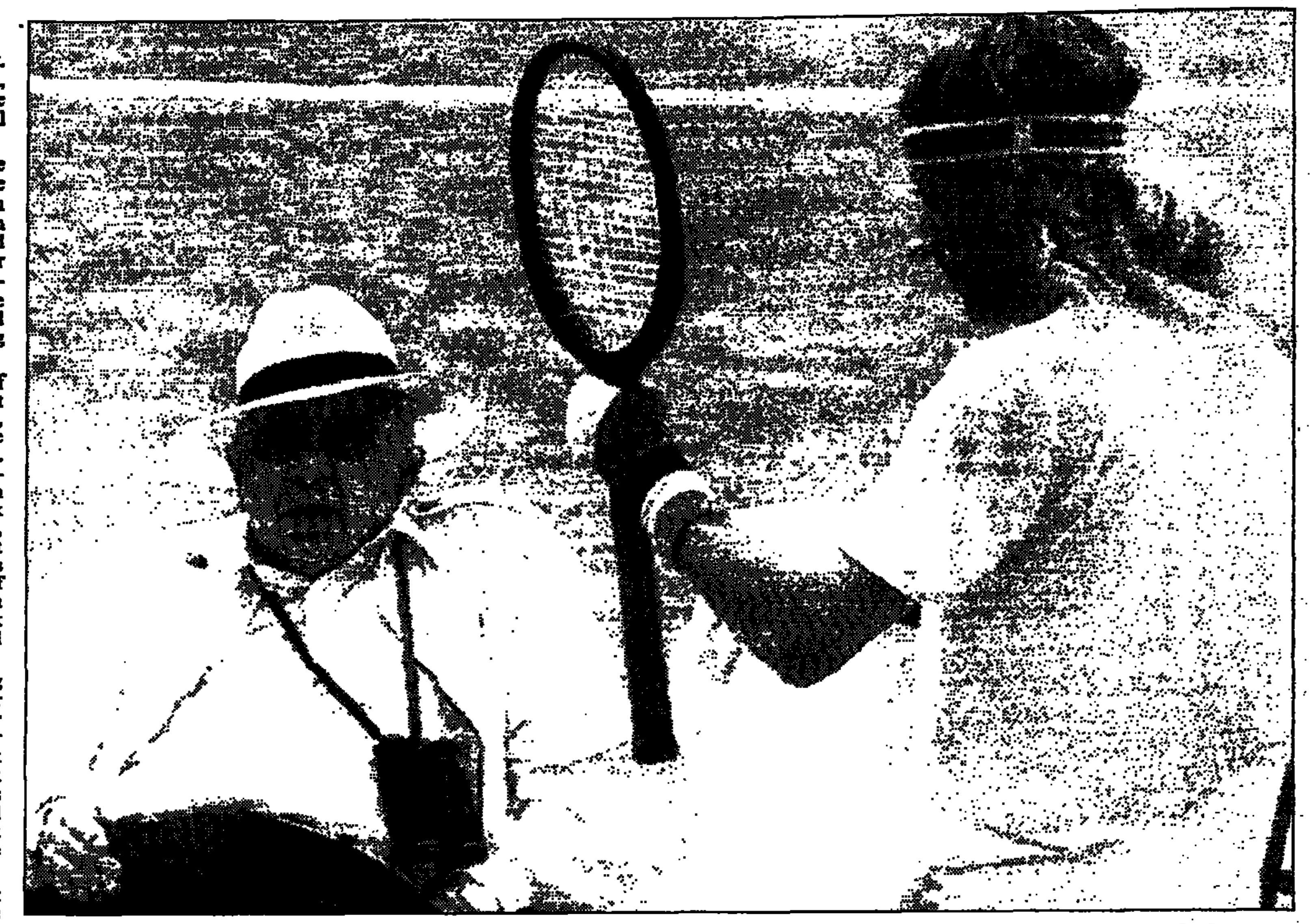
"The business about his marriage or the money he has lost, that is not for me. But I can say he is mentally very fit. He really wants to play and, though he will lose some matches, I believe he will prove he can come back."

Every indicator, from the rustiness of his game to the obsolescence of his wooden racket, suggests otherwise. In all likelihood, Borg will end today with one computer point, the reward for all first-round losers, a ranking of one thousand and something and a much clearer understanding of the passage of time.

But even the most ardent of his detractors will not commit themselves fully for fear that, not for the first time, the Swede will prove them wrong. The departure of Henri Leconte, who has beaten Borg in his previous two comeback attempts, to the Italian, Christiano Caratti, in the first round, and victory for Mats Wilander, making another of his mini-comebacks after a month on tour with his rock band, were at least two good omens.

"It depends why he is doing it," Wilander said. "Whether he just wants to play, whether he needs the crowd, whether he needs the money. I think it's great he's doing it, I just hope he doesn't destroy his name completely," "If I had to bet for my life, I would put my money on Arrese because he's had match practice."

FIRST ROUND: A Mancini (Arg) bt J Arias (US), 6-2, 7-6; N Kulti (Swe) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-2, 6-7, 7-6; S Bruguera (Sp) bt R Furlan (It), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; M Wilander (Swe) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 6-0, 6-3.



Touching wood: Borg brandishes the old technology racket before his aged mentor, Ron Thatcher, during practice for today's comeback

Liverpool desperate to add to Palace's plight

By Ian Ross and Dennis Signy

THE news that Crystal Palace will be fielding a greatly depleted team at Anfield tonight may do little to increase the confidence or complacency of Graeme Souness, Liverpool's new manager.

Though encouraged by Saturday's 3-0 defeat of Norwich City in his first game in charge, Souness knows that his team's next opponents may be harder still, however many players they have missing through injury and suspension and whatever the memories that still linger of last year's 9-0 defeat in the corresponding fixture.

"We have one hell of a ghost to lay," Steve Coppell, the Palace manager admitted. "But we have our pride to play for and want to prove a point." Palace will definitely be without Andy Thorn, who is suspended, and Eric Young, whose knee injury may rule him out for the rest of the season. Andy Gray and Phil Barber are also injured. Richard Shaw and Mark Bright will face late fitness tests but are unlikely to play.

The celebrations which followed Souness's return to Anfield after an absence of seven years will count for nothing if Liverpool fail to maintain their pursuit of Arsenal in the championship race. "This will be the real test for us after all the recent publicity."

Should Arsenal lose against Queen's Park Rangers at Highbury this evening, a Liverpool win would bring them level on points. One point from tonight's game would guarantee the champions a return to European football in the Uefa Cup next season at Palace's expense.

"Palace are aggressive and direct," Souness said. "It will be a different sort of challenge to the one proffered by Norwich. We must show the same, if not more, determination to win because that is how Palace have achieved their success, by adopting a never-say-die attitude."

In keeping with the Liverpool tradition, Souness will delay announcing his starting line-up until shortly before kick-off, but with only Hysen added to Saturday's squad, changes seem unlikely. "We do have one or two players who are suffering from minor knocks but I do not envisage too many problems," the manager said.

Arsenal's problems are probably all in the mind. The points dropped in the home draw with Manchester City last week, coming so soon after the FA Cup semi-final defeat by Tottenham Hotspur, will have done nothing to reassure George Graham's side. The Arsenal manager, who has just brought his back from a three-day stay on the south coast, adds David Hillier to the 13 players on duty against City, but David Rocastle is still not 100 per cent fit for a recall.

☐ The Aston Villa manager, Jozef Venglos, has been given a vote of confidence by the club's chairman, Doug Ellis. He dismissed speculation that Venglos was about to resign.

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James aiming for Hendry's crown

By Steve Acteson

STEVE James has had an indifferent season but after winning the four frames needed to defeat Ian Graham 10-3 in Sheffield yesterday – giving him a place in the last 16 of the £750,000 Embassy world snooker championship – he confidently predicted he has the ability to become both world champion and world No. 1.

Graham, ranked fiftieth, had one fleeting chance to save the match but, when 48-37 ahead in frame 11, he missed the easiest of greens. After securing the game, two breaks of 31 were enough to take James, the ninth seed, into the second round.

James, from Cannock in the West Midlands, has such sublime natural talent that he has previously neglected the essentials of constant practice. He is seeded to meet Stephen Hendry, the world champion, in the quarter-finals, and said: "There is no way Hendry has more ability than me but he has worked harder. Now, though, I've finally realised that solid practice really does pay dividends.

"I've had my own snooker room built at home and I'm going to practise six hours a day. I reached my highest position, when I was provisionally ranked fifth earlier this season, without really working at my game. Now I'm working harder, I honestly believe I can eventually pick off those last few places."

Dennis Taylor survived a mid-session crisis to take a 6-3 lead over his fellow former world champion, Joe Johnson. He ended the session with a winning break of 54.

Jahangir seeks to break the deadlock

By Colin McQuillan

JAHANGIR Khan's desire for a tenth successive Hi-Tec British open squash rackets championship title was all too evident in his ruthless 9-5, 9-2, 9-7 dismissal of Rodney Martin, of Australia, in their 68-minute semi-final at Wembley Conference Centre late on Sunday.

There were strong intimations of permanent retirement late last year when Jahangir, now aged 27, broke down in Canada claiming physical and mental exhaustion. A new multi-million dollar racket endorsement contract reinvigorated him.

Martin, aged 27, the Brisbane-based shotmaker who lost the last three Wembley finals to Jahangir, was convinced he could reverse the trend. But Jahangir launched an attack of such sustained brilliance that the Australian was contributing marginal errors almost from the start.

Jahangir wants to take a lead in the lifetime confrontation with Jansher Khan, the top-seeded world champion that stands suitably enough at 19-19, with all matches included. On the world circuit the score stands 17-16 to Jansher.

Aged 21 and from the same Peshawar district as Jahangir's family, although no direct relation, Jansher has been in his own words "always unlucky" at the British Open while the record nine victories were being assembled.

His increasingly authoritative 9-10, 9-1, 9-6, 9-2 dismissal of Australia's Chris Dittmar from the second semi-final suggested that he was feeling "luckier" this year.

The Pakistani confrontation was always likely to be a classic. However, the arrival of Lisa Opie and Sue Wright in the women's final made a home-grown British Open champion a certainty for the first time in 30 years, which casts Pakistani hierarchies into paler comparison.

Manchester must stay in the Olympic ring

DAVID MILLER

A REASON why Birmingham and then Manchester fared poorly in their respective attempts to host the Olympic Games of 1992 and 1996 was less the quality of their bids than the fact that Britain has drifted to the perimeter of administrative influence in international sports. It was less the city than the country which fell short each time.

Britain, some parts of the world have come to consider, no longer really matters. That is why it is imperative that the British Olympic Association (BOA) should decide tomorrow to maintain Britain's involvement by having a host candidate for the Games of 2000. The BOA should not be misled by any perceived view of the opinion of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), which will make a decision in Monte Carlo in 1993.

One of the problems lies within the BOA itself. There exists a mood in which the BOA sees itself as an observer of events rather than leader. Britain will succeed only when the BOA, together with the government, Conservative or Labour, is wholly committed to supporting the initiative of a bidding city. The last three cities to succeed, Seoul, Barcelona and Atlanta, have had a degree of civil as well as sports commitment which Britain has not begun to comprehend.

It has been an obvious, and slightly too simple, maxim for the London committee, once it resolved some of its inner conflicts, to suggest that *of course* the IOC would prefer a London option. The BOA should be wary of this argument tomorrow. Seven of the last eight cities to be selected were not capitals.

Many of the IOC, including some members of the executive board, consider that Manchester remains the better prospect, offering British sport a stronger legacy for the future. The Princess Royal, president of the BOA, who will attend tomorrow, has been privately encouraged by IOC colleagues to persist with Manchester's attempt.

The IOC, with its diverse multinational complexion, is unpredictable. There is an increasing number of members vulnerable to influences of politics, geography and personal comfort; but many of them are not looking for luxurious shopping and a comfortable hotel and care for the future of the Olympic movement. They are as concerned about congestion in London as they were in Athens.

"If Great Britain is still great, they will choose Manchester again," Anita deFrantz, the Montreal rowing medal winner and the first black woman member of the IOC, says. Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president, is inclined towards Manchester. So are the Princess Royal and, I understand, the evaluation commission of the BOA, comprising Peter Coni from rowing, Craig Reedie from badminton and Bill Slater, with long experience of provincial sport.

London 2000, which has everything to learn in public relations and is without experience, Sebastian Coe apart, of the honeycomb of IOC affairs, has the immense advantage, like Athens, of its history and tradition, the affection which it inspires among foreigners. London is nearly as lacking in modern sports facilities as the rest of Britain, and the London 2000 project envisages a huge enhancement for the 21st century ... in east London. Both cities promise the facility construction *before* 1993 that is a BOA condition.

Yet a press village east of Barking and redevelopment of east London Docklands is not quite the gracious portrait of London familiar on airline advertisements around the world. Manchester may have a hotel shortage even worse than Barcelona's: but how long is it going to take rowing, canoeing or other officials to travel from a West End hotel to Docklands?

"One has to be prudent," Coni says, "not to get into financial liability." Considering London had so short a time to prepare its bid, there seems to be a more solid financial basis, from public and private sector, in Manchester; and it must be an embarrassment that the City has declined to be the authority that would sign the host city contract with the IOC.

In wishing for the Olympics to return to Britain, first for the benefit of the foreign perspective of my country and second for the benefit of sport, I would support any credible bid. Coe could hardly be a more suitable figurehead. Yet Coe's political ambitions will, on his own admission, preclude his involvement from the seven-days-a-week campaigning that has to be fought over two years for any hope of success.

My conviction is that Manchester offers a romantic opportunity to a huge segment of our population, that it would unite people in a way impossible within the metropolis, where congestion, for all the proposed traffic planning, is unlikely to improve during nine years. Manchester has the airport, the space, a motorway network and the public ambition to succeed, if not in 2000, then in 2004. In that context it is important that Manchester remains in the ring.

Search is on for new London Marathon finish

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

THE ADT London Marathon will remain exactly that next year, it was announced yesterday, but where the winner will breast the sponsor's ribbon is less certain. Westminster Bridge, one of the most famous playgrounds in British sport, may have seen its last Pheidippides.

Now British messengers are taking important news to the prime minister. A letter from two Members of Parliament is being delivered, seeking his urgent help to find an alternative finish. A proposed Jubilee Line underground extension and uncertainty over access to areas where the marathon comes to rest has set Chris Brasher, the race director, and his team looking for alternatives.

Brasher said yesterday that his recent talks with London Transport had raised his optimism for a Westminster Bridge finish next year. The company had, he added, been cooperative over ways in which work on the Jubilee Line might be conducted without making Jubilee Gardens off-limits for the marathon finish.

Greater concern centres on County Hall. Whoever the new owners prove to be, if they are not marathon sympathisers, then there are "serious problems", according to Sol N'Jie, Brasher's man in charge of the finish.

Dick Douglas, the MP for Dunfermline West, and Gary Waller, the MP for Keighley, have each run ten out of the 11 London Marathons. Their letter to the prime minister reads: "Nothing can quite compare with the majestic sweep past Parliament Square and over Westminster Bridge to the finish line, nor with the subsequent reuniting with family, friends and warm clothes in Jubilee Gardens."

Comparable or not, somewhere may need to be found. Alan Storey, who is to take over from Brasher as race director, said one alternative under consideration was to run the race in the opposite direction, from a London park to Greenwich.

ADT, sponsors for the last three years, have taken the option of going into a fourth year, though the event will revert to its simple form after the World Cup was staged in conjunction on Sunday. It was a cup won by Britain's men, two-thirds of whom have declined selection for the world championships in Tokyo, in August.

Dave Long, who led the team, has accepted, but Steve Brace and Hugh Jones have not. Their places have gone to Dave Buzza and Sam Carey, neither of whom was considered as challengers before the race had been run. Buzza's 2hr 12min 37sec marathon debut was encouraging, but it is hard to take Carey, who ran 2:13.54, seriously.

He is a curious character. He made a name for himself with numerous victories in Yorkshire, using the pseudonym Dex Lysic. Last year, he qualified for the world cross-country championships after running the trial barefoot, but he turned down selection because his feet hurt.

His eccentricities were displayed before millions on Sunday when he crossed Westminster Bridge in bare feet, having stopped to remove his shoes, running the risk of missing the world championship qualifying time, which he achieved by six seconds.

The women's team will be Veronique Marot, Sally Ellis and either Angie Hulley or Sally Eastall.

At yesterday's press conference, a tale unfolded of the man who went for a ride in a portable toilet. A forklift truck driver removed it from the finish to a spot 200 metres away with no opportunity offered for the occupier to vacate. Name of driver and passenger not known. Sam Carey, where were you?

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By Robin O

MICHAEL Heseltine yesterday swept away the last vestiges of the community charge [illegible] council tax [illegible] property [illegible] per cent discount for people [illegible]

After weeks [illegible] speculation, the [illegible] secretary [illegible] homes would be [illegible] to seven bands [illegible] bills [illegible] would be lower than those of the past [illegible] years. Capping [illegible] would be augmented [illegible] keep down council spending.

Ministers [illegible] of the proposals as the [illegible] of the Conservative [illegible] from political limbo [illegible] Patten, the party [illegible] with this morning [illegible] the Tory local election campaign. Some Conservatives were worried, however, that the tax would not come [illegible] effect until 1993, well [illegible] the next election. Labour attacked the plans as a wasted opportunity.

Outlining the proposals in the Commons, Mr Heseltine declared: "The council tax will be simple and [illegible] to collect. It will require [illegible] of single

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